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Home Team Identified

To The Editor:

The inside front cover of the Fall 2002 issue of *The Archon* shows a picture of the 16-member Junior Football team of 1921. At the bottom of the page is the question: "Can anyone identify other members of the 1921 junior football team?"

On the enclosed photo copy I have numbered the individuals from top row to bottom row and from left to right. Here are a few recollections.

To summarize: I can positively identify numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17, ie., Farrell, Hinds, Derby, Gardiner, Capron, Hoar, Baer, Parsons, Haley, Albertson, May and Stone, and I'm 90 percent sure of Chute, number 6.

The foregoing is of course based on my recollections as a member of the 1921 team, but a span of 81 years can always blur the best of memories. In any event I hope this will be of help.

1. Walter J. Farrell, coach, Assistant Headmaster, and Master of Moody House.
2. John Hinds, Milford, NH (known as "Doc." His father was a doctor.)
3. William B. Derby, Paxton, MA.
4. James B. Gardiner, Amsterdam, NY.
5. William Morley, but recall nothing else about him, and uncertain of his first name.
6. Oliver Chute, from the Boston area.
7. One of 2 or 3 Chinese students at the Academy.
8. Paul Capron, Annapolis, MD.
9. Albert W. Hoar, Jr., Malden, MA.
10. Louis Baer, from the Boston area.
11. There were two Madero brothers from Parras, Mexico at the Academy at the same time. This looks like one of them.
12. Chauncey Parsons, Washington, DC.
13. Harry L. Haley, Milltown, NB, Canada. He was the Captain, and by far the fastest player on the team. Whenever a touch down was needed, the ball was passed to Harry and a touchdown was almost a certainty.
14. William Walkley, but recall nothing else about him. I seem to recollect that he was at the Academy for only one year.
15. Harry W. Albertson, West Newbury, MA.
16. Gerald May.
17. Henry B. Stone, Framingham, MA.

With best wishes,
James Bronson Gardiner '23
New York, NY

Judgment Questioned

To The Editor:

“First, let me say that war is cruel. It brings out the worst in all of us.”

—Bao Nguyen, Fall Archon, page 68

I just arrived at my New Hampshire home after a long absence and the first piece of mail I perused was the Archon. Your first page reminded me why I am uncomfortable being in this country at all. I can't fathom why you would print those “Words from Southwest Asia”. What is your point? If you only print two letters in the issue, why is one the ignorant propaganda of a warmonger's diary? I hope you know you are making a statement. It expresses either an audacity which is inappropriate in an alumni magazine catering to so many different people, or a disgraceful carelessness. Beside this on the first page is a heartfelt letter by an alumnus of sorts remembering Ed Rybicki, and, specifically, a moment when Mr. Rybicki's thoughtful intervention saved the young student from an impending personal crisis. The tactless juxtaposition between the careful, poignant remembrances of Mr. Parker and the impetuous, sneering propaganda of Mr. Miller is shocking.

On page 14, Dick Leavitt writes, “At the heart of a liberal education, there should be exposure to the world's great religions...these last 12 months have shown what ignorance can cost.” It seems our proud young warrior who is “eager” to kill people of different faiths missed out on the education GDA finds so essential. That's his loss, and he is one of many. Disrespectfully forcing it into our lives, however, means it's our loss too. It is simply wartime propaganda which has no place in an alumni magazine.

Sincerely,
Tim Brooks '93
Canaan, NH

headmaster's message

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Vision Statement

*Proposed by Headmaster Mary Dugan
Approved by the GDA Board of Trustees on December 7, 1991*

Governor Dummer Academy will be a regionally focused New England boarding school with a national and international reach, complemented by a well-integrated day-school. Its students – and therefore its graduates – will be known not only for their talent and achievement, but also for their character, integrity, leadership, and commitment to their communities.

Governor Dummer will provide a distinctive secondary school educational program that balances outstanding academic preparation for college and preparation for full lives of self-discovery, life-long learning, personal achievement, and service to others.

GDA's student-centered educational program will emphasize academic excellence in a dynamic curriculum that is technology-enhanced and offers unique learning experiences. Its co-curricular and residential life programs will systematically promote and support personal, social, athletic, and artistic development.

The heart and soul of the GDA experience will be the vibrant life community in which all students, faculty and staff persons and others actively participate. Governor Dummer will make a focused commitment to diversity in all aspects of the school's life.

GDA will systematically secure its financial support and investment in its essential human resources – its students and faculty and staff – and in so doing achieve a new level of financial equilibrium for the long term.

The governance of the Academy will emphasize the structure, authority, boards, and counsel of its strategic agenda.

Envisioning A Vision

It is presumptuous and more than a little naive to consider a vision statement to be a definitive road map to a final destination. Good schools are organic entities that are constantly evolving. A vision statement speaks more to institutional aspirations. It is a statement about core beliefs and principles; about a school's hopes and dreams; its goals and how we want the marketplace to view us.

Once an institution and its constituencies develop a consensus about a "vision," the task and the process is to work "backwards"....determine the strategic steps, the specific programmatic initiatives, the necessary repositioning to make the vision a reality.

Families considering secondary schools are very much-informed consumers. They are interested in places that deliver strong educational experiences and have rich extracurricular offerings. They are interested in schools that are constantly re-examining their pedagogy, methodology and curricular offerings in light of changing realities. They are also interested in the hidden curriculum...how schools promote and reinforce qualities of character, integrity, honor and mutual respect.

One of the ways GDA can distinguish itself is to intentionally develop and highlight the ways in which we stress morals, leadership, service and the commitment to something larger than oneself.

From an admissions standpoint, we need to continue to build on our strong regional reputation while further mining selective national and international pools. We should exploit our unique location (in a beautiful natural setting, with easy proximity to Boston). We need to highlight and stress our history as the nation's oldest boarding school with unique traditions, the advantages of our small size, and the positive synergy of being a residential school with a well integrated and talented day population.

What GDA does exceedingly well is to develop the full potential of young people....we enable them to discover things about themselves that they never knew; we take them as far as they can go. Students who thrive here – the kids that we tend to do the best with – are those with strong potential, those with drive, solid work habits, those who are ambitious and are eager to participate and join a cohesive community. We are a school that celebrates and embraces the "crossover" student; youngsters who are interested in both the artistic and the athletic. We want and need good people and never should be enamored or mesmerized solely by standardized test scores.

We truly must prepare adolescents for life; this involves exposure to a variety of influences, points of view and alternative experiences. To effectively accomplish this we must renew our commitment to make GDA as diverse a place as possible. Diverse in the broadest possible sense. We must also realize that this will sometimes create tensions, edges and friction but we must always strive to maintain an atmosphere of respect, where differences are honored and where all understand the ultimate goal is to create a rich mosaic of community life.

In our efforts, we can never lose sight of our faculty and staff. We must work to create a package of financial support for these dedicated folks; compensation, benefits, housing and professional enhancements that allow us to attract and retain the very best people. To people who choose to live and work at residential schools, quality of life makes all the difference.

In all our focus groups, the notion of community was cited as GDA's strength...our ability to protect, nurture and enhance this at once abstract yet very real and powerful component of the GDA experience is central to our efforts.



These remarks are excerpted from a presentation to the Board of Trustees on Dec. 7, 2002.

Development Developments



GDA's Career Day for Seniors

Nine GDA alumni and alumnae spoke to seniors about their vocations at the school's first annual Career Day on Saturday, January 11. Jim Deveney '60 (Education), Matt Prunier '94 (Finance/Insurance), Karla Austen '81 (Health Care), Anthony Fusco '85 (Law), Justin Rivera '94 (Management Consulting), Jenny Reynolds '88 (Performing Arts), Ferg Jansen '59 (Restaurant and Hotel Management), Robb Morse '87 (Science/Engineering), and Joe Ghory (Sports Management and friend of Katie Meyer '96) all offered helpful insights and advice on employment during and after college. Thanks to all the Career Day participants who volunteered their time to meet with the attentive and inquisitive seniors. We look forward to Career Day next year.



Eric Marshall '84 and Jeff Leavitt '82



Alumni/ae Concert and Art Show

A talented group of alumni/ae performed in front of an intimate crowd in the GDA Performing Arts Center on January 11. Chris Stovens, long time GDA performing arts faculty member, brought together a superb group of his former music students, including Jesse Soursourian '99 (Piano/Guitar/Vocals), Kris Kobialka '87 (Vocals), Ian Jones '90 (Guitar), Nat Baldwin '99 (Bass), Jyllian Paul '02 (Vocals), Burke Leavitt '84 (Guitar), Mark Lipman '00 (Guitar/Vocals), and Chris Frangos '83 (Piano).

Winter Alumni/ae Games

More than 40 alumni/ae returned to campus on January 12 to test their mettle against some younger adversaries. With victories in two of the three match-ups, the older folks proved that skill and wisdom can win out over youth and energy.

The Alumni Men's Basketball team had an impressive victory over the men from

Byfield with a 73-70 victory. The Alumni Men's Hockey team claimed a solid 9-5 victory against the Varsity Men's Hockey Team, and the Varsity Women's Hockey Team eked out a 4-3 victory over the alumnae. We look forward to victories by all the alumni and alumnae teams next year.



L to R; Andy Ramirez '98, Dan Gadzuric '98, Randall Walter '98, Bobby Sims '99 and Nat Baldwin '99

June 13-15

Mark your calendars, 3's and 8's, because Reunion is just around the corner. Plan a return to Byfield on June 13-15 to see classmates, reminisce about old times, and see some of the exciting changes going on at GDA! Preliminary plans include Spring Alumni/ae Games and the first Faculty and Staff Emeritus program.

If you are interested in helping out with your class reunion plans, please contact Jim Bride in the Development Office at (978) 499-3215 or jbride@gda.org.

Book your passage now to Olde Byfield for June 13-15, 2003!

He's Made the Big Time!

GDA alumni/ae, faculty, and friends gathered at the Fleet Center in January to cheer Dan Gadzuric '98 of the Milwaukee Bucks as his team battled the Boston Celtics on the parquet floor. The Celtics played well but the team from the

Midwest prevailed. The GDA fans were thrilled to visit after the game with the former GDA basketball great. For his part, Dan seemed almost embarrassed by the attention.

Athletic Hall of Fame Update

Over the next few months, the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee will finalize details for GDA's first Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony scheduled for Fall 2003.

Thank you to those alumni/ae, faculty, and friends of the Academy who have sent in their nominations. A special thanks to members of the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee for all their hard work in reviewing nominations and planning the induction ceremony.

All nominations submitted after January 31, 2003 will be considered for future induction ceremonies (planned for every other year).

Holiday Gathering The Museum of Science

More than 120 alumni/ae, faculty, staff, parents, and friends of the Academy attended the Holiday Gathering at The Museum of Science on Thursday, December 5. David Ellis '54, President of the Museum of Science, was again our gracious host, and the venue provided an inviting atmosphere on a snowy evening in Boston.

Jim Deveney '60, President of the Alumni/ae Council, and Headmaster Marty Doggett updated the guests on the state of the Academy as everyone enjoyed the delicious food catered by Creative Catering. Guests were then invited to view the Egyptian exhibit and watch the IMAX movie, *Thrill Ride*.

Faculty and Staff Emeritus Induction

On Saturday, June 14, 2003 of Reunion Weekend, Governor Dummer Academy will officially honor 23 loyal faculty and staff with Emeritus status. Faculty and staff who have completed no fewer than 25 years or equivalent of full-time employment at the Academy, and headmasters who have retired from GDA, are eligible for this distinction.

Those, living and deceased, who served GDA in the last century and will be honored are:

Robert E. Anderson
Pierre N. Baratelli
Edgar D. Dunning
G. Heberton Evans
Thomas M. Mercer
Douglas L. Miller
A. MacDonald Murphy
Howard J. Navins
Arthur W. Sager
William H. Sperry
Benjamin J. Stone
Alexander W. White
David M. Williams
John J. Witherspoon
Peter W. Bragdon
John W. Ragle
Valleau Wilkie, Jr.
Edward W. Eames
Marguerite Ames
Edna Finnegan
Irene Freeman
Louise Lovell
Sylvia Lunt

Summer Internships for 2003

GDA is looking for summer internships/jobs for GDA juniors and seniors living in the Boston, New York, and Los Angeles metropolitan areas. If you or your company has an internship/job opportunity available for the summer of 2003, please call Jim Bride in the Development Office at (978) 499-3215 or email jbride@gda.org.

Upcoming Events

Check out the GDA web site at www.gda.org for details of upcoming events.

- Milestone Stop in Boston on April 10 at Vox Populi
- Alumni/ae Council Dinner for seniors on Thursday, April 24
- Grandparents' Day will be Friday, April 25 at GDA.
- Portland, Maine reception on May 1 at the Portland Country Club
- Milestone Stop in New York, NY hosted by Robin Remick '90 on May 15
- Night at the Boston POPS on Wednesday, May 21
- Summer Internships for GDA students
- Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony planned for November of 2003
- Distinguished Alumnus/a of the Year Award planned for fall of 2004



Alums from the 90s enjoyed reconnecting at The Grog in November.

Milestone Stop at The Grog

The Milestone Stop at The Grog in Newburyport, MA was deemed a big success when more than 80 alumni/ae from the classes of 1990 through 2002 showed up on a wintry night in November. The second floor of The Grog, decorated in holiday colors, offered a warm and pleasant escape from the cold.

Thanks to faculty member Perry Nelson, who made an early appearance, and to Nicole Simkins '93 and the rest of The Grog Staff for a great evening. Same time next year!

GDA to Northwestern vs. University of Illinois Game

On Saturday, November 23, a cadre of GDA folks traveled to the "windy city" for a Northwestern vs. University of Illinois football game near the lakefront of Lake Michigan in Evanston, Illinois. A small but loyal group of alumni/ae attended the pre-game reception and game.



Ken Bloom '78 and Mike Morison '81 at the Northwestern game.

A big thank you goes to Mike Morison '81 and Ken Bloom '78 for their efforts in organizing this alumni/ae event and procuring tickets for the game. Other alumni/ae attending the pre-game reception and/or game were Carrie Lyons Nissi '77, Michelle Marean '77, David Corbett '91, and Brian Novelline '91.

Next year we will make sure to get a tailgate spot before the game!

Los Angeles Reception

The Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California provided a welcome venue for more than 50 GDA alumni/ae, parents, friends, and prospective families who attended a reception on January 23. Faculty members Ike Suggs '78, P'97'02 and Kathy Guy P'05 were on hand to update alumni/ae and parents about GDA. Jason Richter '97 also announced a plan to restart the Southern California Alumni/ae Society, first created by Dick Patton '50, to keep GDA alumni/ae living in the Los Angeles area in the GDA loop. If you're interested in joining, email Jason at richter_jason@hotmail.com.

New York City Reception

More than 40 alumni/ae, parents, and friends of Governor Dummer Academy attended a reception at The Marmara-Manhattan Rooftop Lounge and Terrace on East 94th Street in New York City on Thursday, November 7. The evening, hosted by Carol Goldberg-Aydin '76 and her husband Ulgur Aydin, focused on graduates who attended GDA from the 1930s to early 1980s. Faculty member Dick Leavitt P'82, '84 was on hand, as well as Headmaster Marty Doggett, who delivered a wonderful state of the school address. The food and location were out of this world and we look forward to having another reception in New York next year.



Linn Anderson P'02, Mike Moonves P'82, and Carol Goldberg-Aydin '76

Chapel Hill, NC Reception

Julie and Phil Smith '53 hosted a small but intimate gathering of alumni/ae at a reception at their home on Friday, November 1. Patty Doggett accompanied her husband, Headmaster Marty Doggett, who updated alumni/ae on Academy news.

Greenwich, CT Reception

Rick and Lia McCarthy DeNey '80 hosted a wonderful reception for 30 alumni/ae, parents and friends of Governor Dummer Academy at The Stanwich Club in Greenwich, CT on Thursday, October 24. Marty Doggett updated the group on the state of the Academy and encouraged attendees to make GDA their top philanthropic priority this year. A roaring fire, great food, and terrific company created a delightful evening we hope to recreate next year.

Short Takes

Speech Course Revived

From the 1930s to 1990, a course in public speaking was a staple at the Academy, a requirement for graduation, in fact. Alumni recall with fondness the practical value and confidence building they took from the class. The original designers and instructors, Messrs. Arthur Sager and Howard Navins, presented the course to many large companies in the U.S., Europe and Asia, making it a prototype for training. A book detailing the course and written by Sager and A. Macdonald Murphy is still on the shelf in the Pescosolido Library.

This semester, the GDA public speaking course was revived for interested juniors and seniors. Mr. Christopher Stovens, who has taught music at GDA since 1978 and long been regarded as a fine orator, is the teacher.



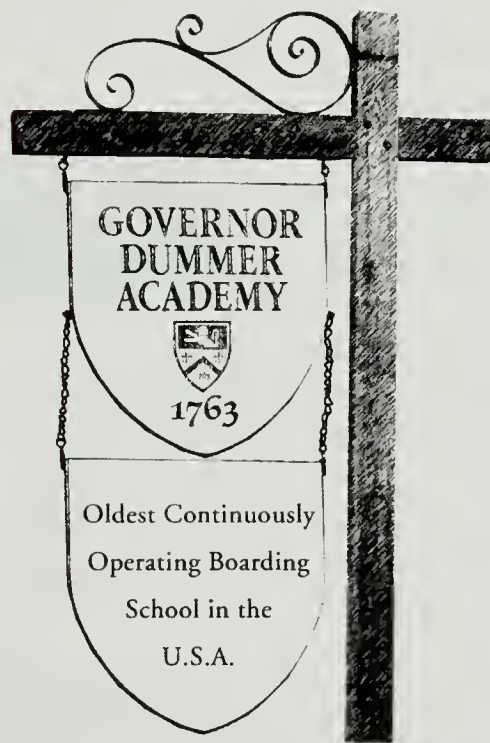
**Mr. Abu
Honored**

On Nov. 18, in a surprise ceremony, the cross country coaches, athletes and parents honored Coach Abu by naming the Cross Country Coaches Award in his honor. This is a tribute to a man who has, since 1980, coached nearly 660 cross-country runners, both men and women. The award will bear his name in perpetuity. Congratulate Coach Abu when you see him!

The award reads: **"DAVID S. ABUSAMRA COACHES AWARD FOR CROSS COUNTRY** – Established in 2002 and given annually to the member of the Governor Dummer Academy Cross Country team who best represents the passion, integrity, sense of fair play, and commitment to the sport exemplified by this extraordinary coach."

Summer Trip to Germany

GDA will once again offer a summer study program to German students from June 8-28. Participants will spend three weeks living with families in the suburban Frankenberg area of Hessen. The homestay experience will be combined with a school study component and after-class outings. The trip is open to 20 students who will be accompanied by two chaperones.



Age-Defying Images...

GDA junior Ashley Foley was cruising the internet earlier this year and happened upon West Nottingham Academy in Colura, Maryland. The website boasts that WNA is "the oldest boarding school in America." Non-plussed by the claim, Ashley emailed the GDA community. The result was a flurry of emails, faculty and staff positing explanations and justifications for GDA's status as "the oldest boarding school in America."

The Archon staff decided to do the math...and the research.

The results?

–Linden Hall in Pennsylvania was founded in 1746, but has always been a girls' school and only began boarding in 1794.

–Mother Seton House, the first Catholic boarding school for girls in the U.S., was founded in 1806 in Baltimore.

–Kiski School in Pennsylvania claims to be the oldest boys' boarding school but was only founded in 1888. (What are they thinking?)

–Carson Long Military Institute in PA, which claims to be the oldest boarding school in the U.S. that still has military training, was founded in 1837 by Robert Finley. (no relation to Samuel Finley, the founder of West Nottingham, as far as we know.)

–Georgetown Preparatory School, founded in 1789 by America's first Catholic bishop, is the nation's oldest Jesuit school and the only Jesuit boarding school.

–Phillips Andover, as we know, was founded in 1778 and calls itself the oldest incorporated boarding school (whatever incorporation implies).

–And finally, West Nottingham Academy was indeed founded as a boarding school in 1744 by Presbyterian minister Samuel Finley. However, the school is not presently on its original site, and the school's historian believes it was closed for a while during part of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

–That leaves GDA as the oldest boarding school in the US still extant, in its original location, and never having suspended operations.

Still nothing to sneeze at.

It All Adds Up



Brandon Bates '03 and
Pat Monigle '03

country," explains GDA mathematics teacher Richard Leavitt.

For close to ten years, GDA students have participated in the 30-minute six-problem Mathematics League contests which cover the entire high school mathematics curriculum excluding calculus. "Some questions depend on specific knowledge rather than just skill," explains Mr. Leavitt, though many are "like puzzle questions" requiring creative reasoning.

The results are scored on campus, with the top ten scores submitted to the New England Mathematics League office for compilation. Prizes are awarded to the top schools in each county at the end of the year. Approximately 200 public and private high schools participate.

Schools approach these contests in different ways, says Mr. Leavitt. Some limit participation to a small number of students who meet regularly to practice. Others provide incentive to students by making participation a portion of students' grades. At GDA, "our approach is totally informal. Just show up if you

"Two guys in Tenaflly, New Jersey create these mathematics questions which are used for six yearly regional mathematics competitions throughout the

are interested," says the mathematics teacher. "In our most successful year, 30 percent of GDA students tried their hand at least once in these contests."

Mr. Leavitt believes the school's participation in Mathematics League contests "provides another outlet for kids who like solving puzzles, challenging themselves mathematically, and exercising their competitive juices."

"The most personally satisfying aspect for those of us who teach mathematics," he concludes, "is to see kids walking around school shortly after the contests arguing their approaches to the problems."

For those of you who would like to try your hand, here are a few sample questions from a past Mathematics League contest.

1. When one of 20 numbers was increased by 100 (and the other 19 numbers remained the same), the average of the 20 numbers was tripled. What was the average of the original numbers?
2. What is the smallest positive integer which uses only the digits 0 and 1 and is divisible by 225? (Note: Your answer must be exact.)
3. In my bedroom bookcase, 37 books are in German, 36% of the books are in Spanish, and the remaining books are in French. If the ratio of Spanish books to French books is 4:3, how many books are there altogether in this bookcase?
4. The two most recent calendar years whose digits are all even are 2000 and 2002. What was the most recent such year before 2000?

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Student Paper Published

A paper written for AP U.S. History by Marienna Murch '02 appears in the Spring 2003 edition of *The Concord Review*. "The Rockport Liquor Raid of 1856 and the Temperance Movement of the Mid-1800s: The American Woman's Battle for Basic Human Rights" was one of less than a dozen chosen for publication in the prestigious journal, the only English language publication of high school scholarship in the world.

Murch's paper investigates a particular confluence of the temperance and women's rights movements of the mid-19th century which led to Rockport, MA being a dry town to this day. The raid was led by Hannah Jumper, a figure of public renown in the seaside town near Gloucester.

The National Writing Board, to which Marienna also submitted the paper in the spring of 2001, rated it between an A and A+, with comments such as "terrific use of evidence" and "this is what research and historical writing should be." Marienna is now a freshman at Harvard University.

This marks the second time a GDA student has been published in *The Concord Review*. Sarah Willeman's '99 research paper, "The Mountain Meadow Massacre," appeared in *The Concord Review* of Summer 1999.

Enrichment for Teachers

Director of Admission Peter Bidstrup, science teacher Fontaine Bradley, history teacher Leonard "Babe" Ceglarski, and Chief Financial Officer Richard Savage all received Faculty Enrichment Grants last year.

The grants, established in 1995, provide opportunities for full-time faculty to renew themselves with personally rewarding experiences that need not be tied to professional development. Full-time faculty are eligible for these grants every eight years that they work for the Academy. The only expectation is that the recipients somehow share their experiences with the GDA community.

Peter Bidstrup used his grant for a family trip to Nova Scotia which he shared with the community through an article for the school newspaper. Bradley Fontaine pursued his study of music with a new D'Angelico New Yorker guitar, offering his talents as accompanist at school performances. Babe Ceglarski traveled with his family to Colorado, Utah, Arizona and California, living for a time on a houseboat on Lake Powell. He incorporated the information he gained about Native Americans, as well as about the public waterworks and dams projects in the Southwest during the 30s and 40s, in his history classes this year. Richard Savage spent time in Florida and created an informational display in the Pescosolido Library about beach erosion on the Gulf coast of the sunshine state.

Students on the Road...

Several groups of GDA students took off for points around the country and world on faculty-chaperoned trips during the March vacation break.

For their seventh trip with students, foreign language teachers Laurel and David Abusamra took a group of nine to France for a nine-day experience called "Treasures of France" arranged by Educational Travel Alliance. They spent three days in Paris visiting Notre-Dame, le Louvre, Sacré Coeur (Montmartre), le Musée d'Orsay, the Eiffel Tour, the Arc de Triomphe, and other sights as well as enjoying a bateau mouche ride on the Seine. Then they took off for Versailles, Chartres, the Loire Valley to visit two castles (Chenonceau and Chambord), the small city of Tours, Mont St. Michel, the village of Dinard on the Atlantic, the D-Day Museum and the American Military Museum by Omaha Beach before viewing the Bayeux Tapestry (sewn, they say, by the wife of William the Conqueror).

According to Mrs. Abusamra, the trip is a great addition to the students' French studies on campus. "They get a taste for France, French culture, French food, French history. They see and hear people communicating in the language that they have been studying and they get chances to use the language. It can be an experience that actually begins a change in the way students think. Their minds are opened and they want to come back for more. A trip such as this one can give them the desire to go all the way with the language and to go on an abroad program during college."

Mathematics teacher Matt Gettings and Associate Dean of Students/French teacher Shawn Markey '93 re-kindled an old tradition of "Spring Training"

in 2000. Again this year, they headed down to Bucky Dent's baseball school in Delray Beach, FL with 23 student/athletes and mathematics teacher Dick Leavitt. They practiced twice a day and played at least one game per day. The camp offers dormitory-style living right on campus with three hot meals a day included in the price. There are two batting cages, a turf infield, four regula-

tion, lighted fields, and a replica Fenway Park including the Green Monster. "The camp is invaluable," according to Markey. "The kids really get to bond together and we get many quality practices and scrimmages in good weather which many of our opponents do not. It is helping us to create a real program." Of course, the trip was not all work. The group spent some daytime hours at the beach and evenings at local attractions.

Another group of more than a dozen students set out in two vans with Fine Arts Department Chair Jeff Brace and Assistant Director of Communications

Christle Rawlins-Jackson for the Appalachian Mountains in western Virginia to work with Volunteers for Communities, an offshoot of the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project. For five days, the group painted, built, and repaired houses and other structures in the poverty stricken area.

Not to be outdone, 18 students accompanied Spanish teachers Lisa Keegan, Julie Rowe, and Kathy Guy, and Technical

Theater Director Joe Repczynski to Tenerife, Spain for 10 days and London for two days. Tours in Tenerife included a visit to a local school where the GDA students met students and visited classes of students of all ages (pre-school to high school age), a trip to a volcano, two days in festivities at the local carnival, a medieval show and a concert, a tour of the island in a glass bottom boat, and a visit to a tropical park. In London, the kids took a tour of the city and did some

shopping. "It's the fourth trip I've taken with GDA students to Spain," says Keegan. "The students gain many things, including the opportunity to practice their speaking skills, to feel the 'rhythm' of another culture on all levels - daily routines, social interaction, customs, habits, etc. Basically, I find them with more of a sense of purpose in learning a foreign language and understanding why it's important. In the past, many students have opted to return to Spain, move to Spain, or continue language at least partially because of this experience."

PAC wins Design Award

The American Institute of Architects New England Chapter recently awarded an Honor Award for overall design to CBT/Childs, Bertman and Tseckares architects for their design of The Performing Arts Center at Governor Dummer Academy.

According to AIA New England, "The sole judging criterion for the award is design excellence. The jury is empowered to determine the extent to which design excellence is informed by aesthetic, functional, contextual, social or other characteristics. The jury may elect to honor projects by building type or other category or may choose to make no such distinctions."

Eligible projects included any type of structure built anywhere in the world but designed by New England-based architects, or any structure built in New England, regardless of the architect's origin.

The design team for the PAC was headed by Robert Brown, A.I.A./I.I.D.A., a Senior Principal at CBT.



Performing Arts Center





Niki Rutter P'06

Soup's On for Charity!

Members of the GDA community created over 250 ceramic bowls for the second annual "Soup's On" charity event on February 14 in the dining hall. The bowls sold for \$10 each, and unlimited soup and bread were served with the purchase of a bowl. Local restaurants donated specialty soups and bread. Proceeds went to the Cape Ann Food Pantry.

The event was organized by Angela Rappoli '03 and Lindsay Clunie '03. The two were shadowed by Brad Ferry '04 and Katherine Paul '04, with the help of ceramics teacher Irina Okula.

Congressional Mettle

A delegation of 22 GDA students (11 seniors, 10 juniors, and 1 sophomore) participated in Harvard Model Congress (HMC) in Boston from Feb. 20 through Feb. 23. With the goal of educating students about American government, promoting interest in public affairs, and inspiring civic participation, HMC is a remarkably enacted four-day-and-night simulation of all three branches of the federal government and a number of other institutions associated with the governing of America.

About 1500 high school students from around the country come together to realize this simulation. The GDA delegation prepared throughout the fall and winter to enact their roles as U.S. senators and congressmen, Secretary of Health & Human Services, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a member of the press corps, counsel for cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, and in a special program, Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon and Deputy Undersecretary U. Alexis Johnson in a historical re-enactment of foreign policy issues faced by President John F. Kennedy's Executive Committee, with particular emphasis on the Cold War.

HMC at GDA is a student club activity, advised by Dean of Faculty Bill Quigley and history teacher Perry Nelson. This year's delegation was led by HMC President Daniel Guyton '03 and Vice-President Kelsey Quigley '04.

DeForrest Named Finalist

The National Merit Scholarship Program, a privately financed academic competition for recognition and scholarships begun in 1955, recently recognized Kristen DeForrest '03 as a National Merit Finalist.

Of the 1.3 million entrants to the National Merit Scholarship Program, approximately 34,000 receive Letters of Commendation and 16,000 are designated as Semifinalists based on their high scores on the PSAT/NMSQT. From this group, a certain number advance to Finalist standing. Among these, 8,000 will receive Merit Scholarship awards.

Congratulations to Kristen!

Admission Advances

The Office of Admission was very busy during the winter, interviewing, touring, reviewing applications, and making the tough decisions about next year's new students. Acceptances were mailed on March 10, and those lucky students with fat envelopes were invited to attend one of three re-visit days in April. Re-visit days include viewing classes, eating in the dining hall, and meeting more administrators, teachers and students. "It is an ideal opportunity for families to see GDA through a sharper lens, this time truly viewing themselves in our community," explains Director of Admission Peter Bidstrup.

Bidstrup and his staff were impressed by this year's pool of applicants. "We had another record number of terrific applicants this year. The group of prospective students seem to share the attributes of community spirit, academic achievement and extracurricular participation," says Bidstrup. "We were pleased to hear both them and their parents comment so positively about GDA's learning environment and community. More and more, families are making GDA their first choice for secondary school."

Hockey Makes It to Playoffs

Congratulations to the Boys' Varsity Hockey Team for making it into the NEPSAC post-season tournament. Unfortunately, the team lost to Cushing on February 26, in the quarter finals, but can still celebrate making it to the Division 1 New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) playoffs for the first time since the 1991-92 season.

Volleyball Rules!

After winning the Eastern Massachusetts Volleyball Tournament (formerly the Eastern Independent League tournament) on Feb. 22 at Milton Academy, the team made the trek to The Gunnery School in Washington, CT, on Wednesday, February 26 to compete in the NEPSAC post-season tournament. After handily beating The Gunnery 2-0 in the semi-finals, the team fell to Milton 3-0 in the finals, bringing home the second place trophy. A spectator from the Gunnery summed up the day with his comment about GDA: "Let me say how much I admire a team that refuses to give up; it was a pleasure to see this caliber of volleyball today."

Women Play in All-Star Game

Senior center Meghan O'Malley and sophomore guard Julie O'Shaughnessy were both selected by the NEPSAC District I,II, and III All Star Committee to play in the Class B New England Women's All Star Basketball Game on Sunday, February 23, 2003.

O'Malley, a co-captain, led the Red Dogs in points for the season, tallying seven games of 15 points or better, including a season-high of 27 points versus St. Mark's on February 8. She started in every game for the Red Dogs over this past season. She was named MVP at the GDA Winter Athletics Banquet and named to the Independent School All-League.

O'Shaughnessy was second highest scorer on the team, while also leading the team with assists. She is one of GDA's best guards, leading the team with steals. In a January 29 contest against Phillips Exeter, she recorded a career-high 25 points and in a Feb. 5 contest against Brooks, she posted a career-high 7 assists for the Red Dogs. Julie was given ISL All-League Honorable Mention.



The winter drama program presented Pippin, a rollicking musical about the son of Charlemagne, on February 14 and 15 to a packed audience in the new Performing Arts Center.





Jessica Long'04, Elaine Frey'04, Jen Sze Wong'04, Jill Parlee'04

Students Orate for Declamation Contest

The incisive and poignant words of Frederick Douglass rang out during the fifth annual GDA Frederick Douglass Declamation Contest in January. Each junior was required to memorize and recite in English class one of four selections from the writings of Douglass, the famous American abolitionist and journalist who escaped from slavery. A student from each class was then chosen to proceed to the final competition on January 16 in the Performing Arts Center. The winners of the finals, Jessica Long, Jen (Sze) Wong, Elaine Frey, and Jill Parlee, declaimed at an all-school Martin Luther King Day convocation on Jan. 20.

English teacher Paul Wann organizes this event each winter. "We were looking for a shared experience for all juniors, ideally one that was interdisciplinary at least in the humanities" says Mr. Wann. "I have always been an enthusiastic advocate for memorizing and reciting powerful language. I know former students who were certain I was trying to torture them with the work who have come back and said they still remember. In the world of theatre, we call this having language in your body."

Mr. Wann believes the declamation contest achieves the original goal and more. "Students perform with courage. They share an experience with classmates and with the whole school," he says. "The Frederick Douglass Declaration Contest celebrates great language, a great writer and of course

the connection between reading, writing and speaking with freedom from slavery. Frederick Douglass is a hero/teacher of mine. I thrill to his words on the page and, when they are spoken proudly by GDA students, it gives Douglass a bit of immortality. He earned it for all of us."

Steve Ogden, another GDA English teacher, concurs with Mr. Wann and adds, "I also think that this contest involves a kind of training which, while not central to our mission as a department, is valuable. Required memorization of passages, out of vogue educationally for some time now, has its merits."

Almost Famous

His head hidden under the black curtain of his four-by-five Hasselblad camera, photographer Paul Rocheleau snapped pictures of the original Governor Dummer Academy schoolhouse in fall 2002. The photos will be included in Rocheleau's upcoming book, *The One Room Schoolhouse*, published by Universe Publications, an imprint of Rizzoli International.

Rocheleau, a resident of western Massachusetts, learned of the GDA gem from an employee at Rizzoli, the publisher of his books for the past several years. How did she know about it? She's Betsy Smith, a '91 GDA alum who was happy to pass on information about her alma mater.

The One Room Schoolhouse will be available in bookstores in August.

See photograph by Rocheleau on inside back cover.

GDA Helps Keep Boston Marathon on Track

On April 20, as for the past 10 years, a group of 14 to 40 GDA faculty and students will gather at 6:30 in the Philips parking lot on the morning before the world-famous Boston Marathon. Piling into vans and cars, they will travel to the Hynes Convention Center, walk to the newly-painted finish line on Boylston St., and then head upstairs to hand out bib numbers, distribute packets and long-sleeved shirts to each officially registered runner, or perform other requested services.

Students meet runners from all over the country and world, often practicing their foreign language skills or speaking their native tongue with runners representing their home countries. They are immersed in a kind of mini-Olympics, where a wide-ranging mix of people, athletic wear and cultures converge and hundreds of booths sell products as part of the Runners' Expo.

Foreign language teacher and cross-country coach David Abusamra began this GDA annual tradition through his connection with the Boston Athletic Association. GDA is still the only school allowed to volunteer, and is invited back year after year because of the enthusiasm and care its students exhibit in their jobs that day.





Potters Exhibit and Sell Works on Campus

Potters Dottie Bragdon, Lloyd Hamovit, and Irina Okula displayed and sold their works in the gallery of The Performing Arts Center at GDA in December.

Lloyd Hamovit, an art teacher at Lawrence Academy in Groton, is a ceramic clay artist with awards and recognition in juried exhibitions in New England. He holds a Master's of Art in Teaching from the Rhode Island School of Design and a Master's in Art Education from Harvard University. His ceramic work touches upon the functional and the frivolous, with altered porcelain pieces resembling animated human forms. He lives in Byfield on the GDA campus where his wife, Maud Hamovit, teaches English.

Playful forms and large bowl shapes characterize GDA art teacher Irina Okula's work. She enjoys the clay making process and unusual firing processes. In her work, there is a strong interaction between shape and surface. She tries to achieve spontaneous and lively interaction between the clay, glaze and the fire. Okula earned her MFA in Ceramics from Southern Illinois University in 1973. She attended the Museum School from 1985-87 at the same time she began

teaching at Governor Dummer. In 2000, she was selected to participate in the IWCAT program in Japan. She and 16 fellow potters from all over the world worked with Japanese potters making and firing with wood in Japanese Anagama kilns. The experience greatly influenced her most recent work.

Exeter, NH, and at the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen store in Conway, NH.

Firing Up at GDA

A large gas reduction soda kiln was built in November in the new kiln house attached to the Kaiser Art Center on campus.

Julie Crosby of Binghamton, NY, and Nick Gaeta of Cape Cod spent three nights living in the Mansion House and long days constructing art teacher Irina Okula's dream kiln.

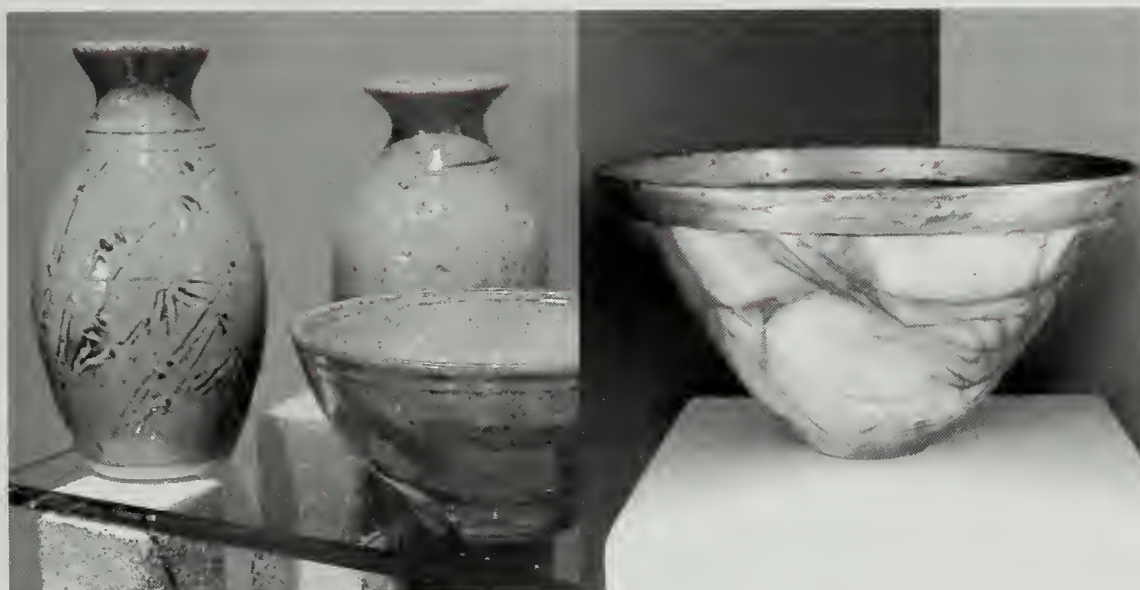
The soda reduction kiln can withstand temperatures of 2400 degrees and is fueled by pumped-in gas. It takes 18 hours to fire; pieces then require two days to cool.

In the near future, the kiln will share space in the new "Ceramics House" with a raku

kiln, glazing areas and storage. In contrast to the soda reduction kiln, the raku kiln will only take one hour to fire up. After glazes are melted, pieces are removed from this type of kiln and put into a can with combustibles such as leaves, sawdust, and newspapers. A fire starts going and pulls out the copper in the glazes, turning the clay black. The method is an old Japanese art.

The new work and firing facilities promise to make GDA's art program ever more advanced and impressive.

ART NEWS



Dottie Bragdon, wife of former GDA headmaster Peter Bragdon, is a studio potter based in Exeter, NH. She fires her functional pots in her 36-cubic-inch downdraft gas kiln in reduction and soda, and at The Worcester Center of Crafts. All her decorative pots are pit-fired on an island in upstate New York. She has studied with the San Ildefonso Pueblo potter Seashell Flower in California and with many other teachers. Her pottery is currently on exhibit at the Newburyport Art Association in Newburyport, the Exeter Fine Crafts in

Students Chosen for Music Festival

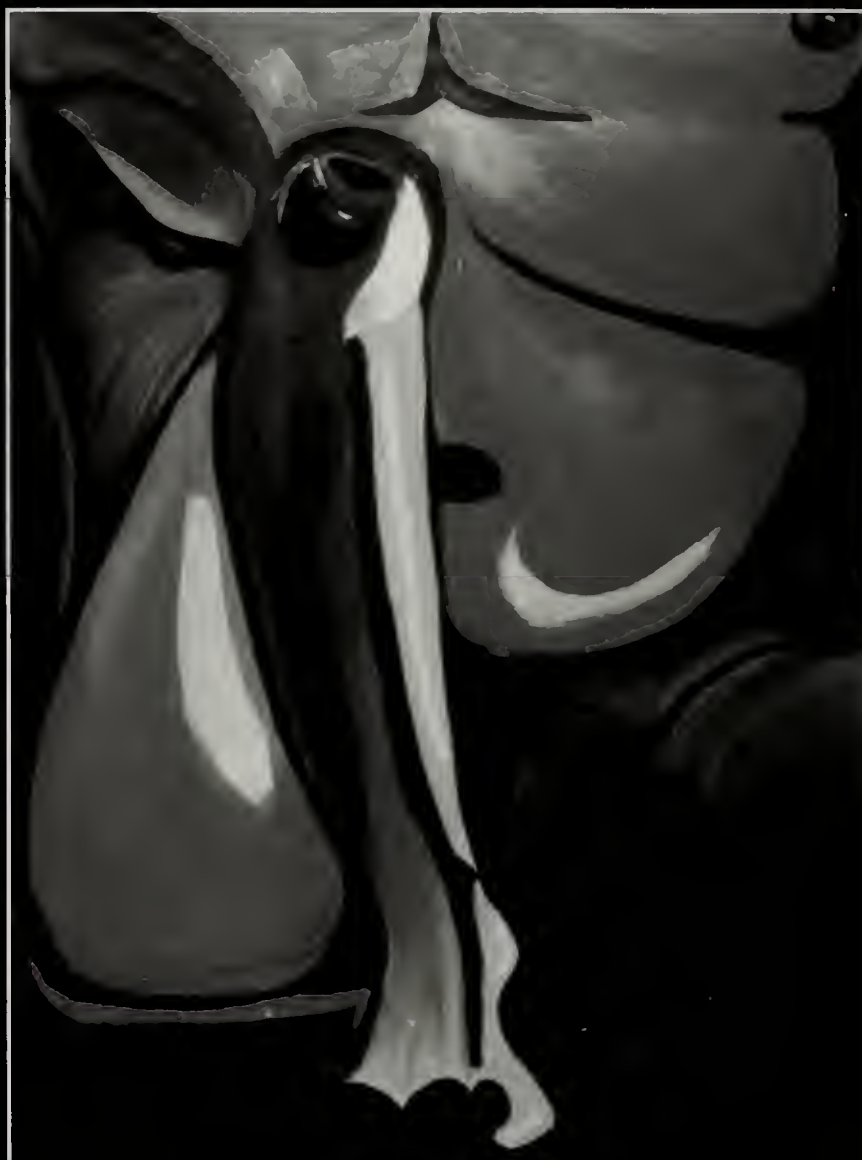
Congratulations to Michael O'Neil '03 and Caroline Ott '05 who were among those selected from nearly 1800 students representing over 100 public, private, parochial, charter and home schools to participate in the Massachusetts Northeastern Senior District Music Festival. Based on their auditions, Mike was accepted as a bass to the Chorus, and Caroline was selected to play flute in the Band. They traveled to Lowell, Massachusetts in January for the rehearsals and concert.



Student Art Wins!

Five GDA students recently received Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards for their work in a variety of art media: Jessie Long – Gold for Ceramics; JiHee Lee – Silver for Ceramics; Mike Oxtan – Silver for Ceramics; Alex Pool-Jeffre – Honorable Mention for Photography; and Ashley Hamel – Honorable Mention for Drawing.

The work of all winners was on display in the Transportation Building in Boston until February 23.



Tyler Collins '03

Art, Cubist Style

The assignment in Geoff Brace's AP class was to create an image using real objects, in a cubistic style. The students used oil sticks, an oil paint medium set in a large crayon form. Due to the large size of the sticks, most of the students chose to create their images using a large format. Garrett Lyons's '03 image (on the cover) image is based on his love of music and uses very Picasso/Chagall-like drafting and application techniques, while Tyler Collins's '03 (pictured above) piece is much more bold, more in line with Mondrian's application of color.

Both pieces were exhibited in the GDA student art show in January and February.

THE KOREAN CONNECTION



Until a short time ago, the name Yu Kil-chun meant little to more than a handful in the GDA community. Though Yu was and is renowned in his native country of Korea as a statesman and man of letters, few here knew that he had been a student at the Academy.

And not just any student. Kil-chun Yu was the first Korean allowed out of his country to study in the West, arriving on the campus in Byfield in the fall of 1884. To commemorate this distinction, a ceremony and plaque dedication with representatives from the Korean government and the Peabody Essex Museum took place this month at the Academy.

Yu's route to Byfield was far from direct. As an intellectual with reformist ideals, Yu had studied in Japan at a time when Korea still maintained an isolationist attitude in its attempt to hold on to traditional customs and values. Though Japan had been opened to foreign trade in 1853 with the arrival of United States Navy Commodore Matthew C. Perry, the Korean government under the leadership of Yi Ha-ung kept the "imperialists" at bay.

In the 1880s, Yu was a prominent member of a group of Korean progressives and intellectuals who were intent on preserving Eastern spiritual ways while benefiting from Western technical superiority. Their willingness to absorb and learn from the West marked an extreme departure from earlier rejections of anything Western.

At the age of 27, Yu visited the United States as part of a delegation from Korea. They first arrived in San Francisco on

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Photograph courtesy of the Peabody Essex Museum

The Peabody Essex Museum received \$850,000 from the Korea Foundation to establish the Yu Kil-chun Gallery of Korean Art and Culture in the museum's expanded gallery complex, set for completion this year. The museum's collection includes many examples of Korean arts, from fans to finely painted screens, from silver inlaid brush pots to fine porcelain. Photographs of Korea taken by Felix Beato in 1871 are also included. Many Korean scholars consider the collection the best of its kind in the United States.

GDA's connection with the Peabody Essex Museum continues today. William Phippen '71, is deputy director for collections, design and research at the museum, part of the core team of senior museum leadership working with the architects and exhibition designers on the new gallery.

September 3, 1883, traveling then by train to Chicago, Washington, DC, New York, and Boston, meeting President Chester Arthur twice and touring New England factories and industries. By mid-October, some of the delegates returned to Korea, while others remained in DC. On November 10, Yu came to Salem, MA as the guest of Edward Morse, director of the Peabody Academy of Sciences (now the Peabody Essex Museum) and a former professor in Japan during Yu's studies there.

For several months, Yu studied under the noted biologist Morse before living in Essex for the summer and then enrolling at Governor Dummer Academy for the fall 1884 term. He was, by then, 28 years old, far older than the other 39 students, many of whom came from nearby towns. There were students from Canada, Louisiana, Iowa, Texas, Maine, New Jersey, Illinois and New York, but none from nearly as far as Yu Kil-chun.

No record seems to remain of what

courses Yu may have taken at GDA. Others in their sixth year (seniors) studied Latin, Greek, Solid Geometry, Trigonometry, and Reviews. One of Yu's letters refers to examinations on the theories and consequences of

Commons, while Mansion House provided the only other dormitory, supervised by teaching assistants. Though Perkins is listed on Yu's enrollment card, most probably as his primary mentor, it is unclear whether Yu lived in Mansion House or with the Headmaster in Commons.

All that remains to describe Yu's stay at GDA for the first and second terms of the 1884-85 academic year are his letters to Morse in Salem. In a note penned in October, Yu described the process of choosing a school president and secretary. He found the proceedings extraordinary, noting that "it is very difficult

for boys always to vote the right one out of many complicated ways. Yet the boys here unanimously voted for the better offer." He wondered if the boys at GDA were "the best of the United States," so impressed was he by their "intelligent, conscientious, and independent" decision-making. "They are, on the average, as good as any other boys in the world. I suppose, and this was the astonishing subject of my mind, that the people of the

"They are, on the average, as good as any other boys in the world." – from a letter written by Yu Kil-chun to Edward Morse referring to students at GDA

volcanoes, earthquakes and geysers, perhaps as a part of a Physics course usually taken by fifth-year students. At the time, GDA was considered a "feeder" school for Harvard, and it is assumed that Yu wished to enter the university, possibly to study law.

John Wright Perkins, former principal of Salem High School, was headmaster of GDA at the time. According to school records, the "principal's house" was then in

United States has a higher percent of natural discernment, public spirit, and independent judgment than the human race.” He clearly already believed there was much to gain from his association with the West.

In another letter, Yu thanked Morse for “sending me to such a nice school as this Dummer, and putting me under Mr. Perkin’s care.” The first term ended in December, the second in March. Yu wrote on March 20 that “school is going to be closed next week Wednesday, so I shall come home at that time and bring my books.”

It is unclear whether Yu ever returned to his home away from home in Salem. In January, he had learned of the attempted coup in Korea by his progressive colleagues. Within two days, the conservative pro-

Chinese faction had reasserted its power. Yu was clearly disturbed by the goings-on in his country and seems to have decided to

documented that he was immediately arrested for his association with the leader of the 1884 coup upon his return home.

He was incarcerated for seven years. During that time he wrote poems and manuscripts on political, social and economic reform. His book, *Observations on the West*, later published in 1895, became a source of information and inspiration for reformist Korean thinkers. During 1894-95, Yu served as chief cabinet secretary and home minister in the Japanese-sponsored reform government in Korea. When Russia asserted power in Korea, Yu exiled him-

self to Japan, where he remained until 1907. Then, he organized “enlightenment” groups, ran a progressive school, and continued to write about reform. He died in 1914. —JK



Photograph courtesy of the Peabody Essex Museum

curtail his studies at the Academy after the second term. While little is known of his exact activities or whereabouts between his withdrawal from GDA and his arrival in Korea in December of 1885, it is well doc-

On April 19, 2003, Governor Dummer Academy and the New England Centennial Committee of Korean Immigration to the United States dedicated a plaque in front of the Pescosolido Library in honor and memory of Yu Kil-chun, the first Korean national to study in the United States. Dignitaries from as far away as Seoul, Korea joined in the celebration which included a benediction offered by GDA Korean students and music performed by the Korean Women’s Chorus of Cambridge, MA.

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From the Wrath of Master Moody to the Pirates of the Barbary Coast

ON NOVEMBER 8, 2002, HEADMASTER MARTY DOGGETT RECEIVED A MESSAGE TAKEN THE NIGHT BEFORE BY ONE OF HIS SONS. TRUSTEE AND ALUMNUS JEFF GORDON HAD CALLED TO TELL MR. DOGGETT THAT THE U.S. NAVY WAS COMMISSIONING THE USS PREBLE THE NEXT DAY IN BOSTON, AND HE THOUGHT THE SHIP'S NAMESAKE MIGHT BE A FELLOW ALUM.

The headmaster received the message too late to confirm the information, but passed a news clipping from *The Boston Globe* on to the Archon staff. The editor contacted someone in the Alumni office who told her there was no record of a Preble in their database. The clipping then sat on the editor's desk until, on a whim (and a slow day), she decided to cruise the internet in search of Preble data.

Lo and behold, an entire website devoted to the new ship revealed copious information about the new ship and its namesake. Edward Preble, born in what is now Falmouth, Maine on August 15, 1761, ran away to become a privateer at the age of 16. Two years later, his father arranged his appointment in the Massachusetts State Marine. He served in the Revolutionary War, and was imprisoned for two years on the prison ship *New Jersey*.

Following the war, he was in the merchant service for 15 years, earning the appointment of Lieutenant in the Navy in 1798, and Captain in 1799. In 1803 he took command of his flagship, the *USS Constitution*, aboard which he sailed against the Barbary pirates as Commodore of a seven-ship squadron.

According to *Our Navy and the Barbary Corsairs* by Gardner W. Allen (published in 1905), "His severe discipline and hot temper, not softened by ill health, made him at first unpopular among his subordinates...It was only after his great qualities were recognized that they learned to respect and admire him...This squadron was their training school for the struggle with the British navy a few years later; Preble was a great teacher, and they were worthy pupils."

During his command, Preble established a peace treaty with the Emperor of Morocco, and blockaded the Tripoli harbor. According to the website www.usspreble.com, "Preble and his



The latest USS Preble

Photograph courtesy of the Northrop Grumman Corporation

Tripolitan campaign became one of the focal points for the development of the fighting tradition of the U.S. Navy...In a series of daring raids, Preble's men caused severe damage and inflicted heavy casualties, a direct result of strenuous training and bold thinking."

For his many accomplishments, the Navy has commissioned six different ships over the past three centuries. The first was an 80-ton sloop commissioned before 1814; the second a Sloop-of-War built in Portsmouth, NH, in 1839; the third launched in 1901 and assigned to the Pacific Fleet but also active in the rescue efforts after the San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906; the fourth commissioned in the Boston Navy Yard in 1920 after being built in Bath, Maine; and the fifth, commissioned in 1960, served in the Mediterranean and Red Seas, aiding for a time in the humanitarian relief effort assisting Iraqi Kurds.

The newest USS Preble is a guided missile destroyer with the mission to conduct sustained combat operations at sea. The website www.raytheon.com describes the ship as having the "capabilities in cooperative engagement and area theater ballistic missile defense and is capable of fighting air, surface and subsurface battles simultane-

ously." Equipped with an AEGIS Combat System, a Phased Array radar, Vertical Launch System, Tomahawk cruise missiles, LAMPS Anti-Submarine Warfare System, and a state-of-the-art gas turbine propulsion plant, the USS Preble is "one of the most powerful surface warships ever put to sea."

All fine and good, but what about a Governor Dummer connection?

Further research revealed that Edward Preble was indeed a charge of the venerable and sometimes unpredictable Master Moody, the first Preceptor of Governor Dummer Academy. In *The Story of Byfield*, by John Louis Ewell (published in 1904), the author references a 1775 receipt to Brigadier General Preble for board provided to his son by Deacon Daniel Hale, who offered lodgings in what is now Boynton House, and then writes: "This son was the boy whom Master Moody tried to frighten by bringing the fire shovel down with great force close to his head, and of whom he exclaimed, in pride at the boy's invincible cool-

ness, 'Boys, did you observe the Brigadier, when I struck? He never winked. He'll be a general yet.' Young Preble's after career in the navy justified Master Moody's prediction."

Former GDA teacher John W. Ragle recalls the same event in his 1963 book, *Governor Dummer Academy History 1763-1963*, including the precipitant of the event. "It appears most likely that the sturdy Preble, later to become the scourge of the Barbary pirates, had too forcefully and somewhat bloodily punished an erring fellow student during a recess. His ire aroused, Master Moody loudly admonished the recreant, who apparently remained unrepentant," and then raised and brought down the fire shovel with no reaction from Preble.

Ragle concludes that "not only was he [Preble] among those who played an important role in contributing to the growth in strength and wisdom of their new nation." He was also among those who had "studied under the famous and eccentric Master Samuel Moody."

Perhaps the Alumni Office can be forgiven for not having Commodore Preble on record. Even the most complete of databases don't go back to alumni who died in 1807. -JK

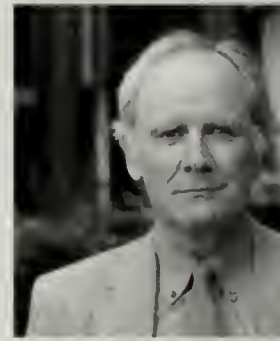


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Speakers Inspire and Inform

IN 2001, HEADMASTER MARTY DOGGETT INTRODUCED A SPIRITUALITY SERIES TO THE ACADEMY. THE IDEA, AS HE EXPLAINS IT, IS TO BRING ON CAMPUS A VARIETY OF SPEAKERS REPRESENTING DIFFERENT BELIEF SYSTEMS. THEIR PRESENTATIONS WILL "POSE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT VALUES. ULTIMATELY, THIS LEADS TO THINKING ABOUT HOW WE LEAD OUR LIVES."

During the 2002-2003 academic year, Reverend Rebecca Hugh Brown of the First Church in Ipswich, Imam Talal Eid, Director of the Islamic Center of New England, and Reverend Ellie Mercer, daughter of former GDA master teacher Art Sager, spoke to the student body.



Reverend Counsels Students to Trust and Honor

Rev. Brown filled her talk to the students with stories full of worthy lessons, parables of sorts. The Yale- and Harvard-educated musician and minister, currently working towards a doctorate in storytelling at Lesley University, believes tales provide effective ways to understand ethical and social dilemmas. Each story helped Rev. Brown deliver her message to "trust yourself, trust each other, and do honor to your ancestors."

Through a story about Bridget O'Malley, Rev. Brown emphasized the need to "celebrate your own gifts." Bridget is asked to tell a story, sing a song and play a tune. Until pushed, she did not recognize she had anything to offer.

Rev. Brown also told a true tale about a man injured mentally and physically in an accident, and the surly, crazy dog who comes to live with him. Eventually, man and dog learn to trust each other. The lesson? If we find a way to help each other, it will be healing, and a source of hope and life.

The speaker's final tale was about a group of children struggling to honor their dead father appropriately. The son who achieved his goal, according to the story, was the child who found a way to befriend an enemy.

A Guide to Spiritual Direction

Ellie Sager Mercer, daughter of esteemed GDA "Old Guard" faculty member Art Sager and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, addressed the Academy faculty and students in a convocation on March 25. Mercer, who has served churches in Massachusetts and Maine, is also co-founder of Rogers McKay, a non-profit organization that provides programming in the area of spiritual direction. Prior to her ordination in 1990, she spent ten years as the Director of Counseling at Suffield Academy in Suffield, CT.

She now offers guidance and consultation to help people "open their lives to the sacred, develop a sustainable spiritual practice, find a language which matches their connection to the divine, remember who they are, be witnessed without being fixed, dive deep into their dreams, know how to pay attention, be accompanied in their grieving, know how to pray, free their lives from fear and distrust, determine their truths, live authentically, center their lives in meaning and purpose, and create meaningful ritual at times of birth, marriage, illness and death."

Carroll Argues Need for Religious Reform

Noted author and Boston Globe columnist topped off this year's Spirituality Series with an open-to-the-public lecture at GDA on April 6 about the need for reform in the world's dominant religions: Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

The famed author of *Constantine's Sword*, a historical treatise on the roots of anti-Semitism in the Catholic Church, and *An American Requiem*, a memoir of familial conflict around the Vietnam War which won the National Book Award, remains a compelling voice calling for vigilance and righteousness in interfaith relations.

Carroll, who was ordained to the priesthood in 1969 and served as Catholic Chaplain at Boston University from then until 1974, left the priesthood to become a writer. Since then, he has penned nine novels, published essays and articles for *The New Yorker* and other publications, and written a column for the op-ed page of *The Boston Globe* since 1992.

He lectures widely on Jewish-Christian reconciliation and the question of war and peace. The Academy felt honored to have Mr. Carroll share his thought-provoking convictions about the need for religious reform.



Imam Offers Insights on Islam

"May the peace and blessing of God be upon all of us today," Imam Talal Y. Eid said as an opening to his remarks to the GDA community on January 7. As the second speaker in this year's Spirituality Series, Imam Eid felt he had a difficult task: to explain Islam and Muslims in a very short amount of time to a group which probably had heard many stereotypes about both. Since the Imam has spent decades studying his religion, explaining the belief system in a few minutes was daunting.

Although Imam Eid feels racial profiling and stereotypes have damaged the reputation of his people in this country, he was eager to point out that there are always some people working towards understanding, those who further "peaceful movements among people of different beliefs."

A distinction must be made, Imam Eid emphasized, between Islam, the religion, and Muslims, those who follow the religion. Just as there are Christians and Jews who act in ways not in accordance with the tenets of their religion, so are there Muslims who perform hateful acts which they indefensibly try to justify by Islam. He cautioned the audience not to draw conclusions about Islam from a page or two of reading, and likewise not to assume a small number of radical terrorists rightly reflect Islamic beliefs. "It is important to learn about the Koran in order to filter out the acts of some Muslims who say they act in the name of Islam," the Imam said. At the end of his presentation, in answer a question from the floor, Imam Eid spoke even more harshly about the acts of radical terrorists. "They committed crimes though they said they did it in Islam's name. They will go to Hell."

Sunnah, Imam Eid explained, is the way of life of prophet Mohammed who received the revelation of God through the angel Gabriel. Over a period of 23 years, the 115 chapters which comprise the Koran were revealed to Mohammed. "The most important area covered," said Imam Eid, "is about peace." The Koran teaches that people of the world should live together peacefully, and that different kinds of people were created by God to know one another. The Koran, according to Imam Eid, clearly says that "killing one innocent person equals the killing of all mankind" and that "whoever annoys a Christian or Jew it is as if he annoys me and thus God."

In his talk to the students and faculty, Imam Eid tried to explain the five pillars of Islam:

1. the oneness of God
2. the necessity of prayer
3. the importance of helping the needy
4. the directive to fast during Ramadan
5. the command to make a pilgrimage once in one's lifetime

The Koran calls Christians and Jews both "people of the book," acknowledging respect and the importance of dealing with each other peacefully. Though the Koran expresses strong and definite beliefs, there is no call to compel others to share these beliefs, said Imam Eid. "God gifted us with the ability to choose," he said. It is important to "establish peace and harmony, putting beliefs aside," never arguing with "people of the book except in a fruitful way." People can talk "in a scholarly fashion but not in a degrading way." The Imam suggested that the first step in establishing friendly relations is through eating together, a natural way to "remove obstacles."

Islam maintains, said the Imam, that the

life we have on earth is a short one, but there will be a long life after life. The body dies, but the soul does not, and there is no Islamic belief in reincarnation.

Before accepting questions from the audience, Imam Eid spoke about the position of women in Islam. The "functions and roles may sound to you outrageous," he said. The Koran clearly has some rules on how the different genders are to behave, "but man is never considered superior," he asserted.

Students eagerly raised their hands and asked provocative and thoughtful questions. "Aren't there a lot of Muslims who are a threat to the United States?"

The Imam posited that more Muslims love the U.S. than hate it and would welcome the opportunity to live here.

"How are women treated, in terms of domestic abuse, civil rights, freedom of choice?"

Women are revered and valued, the Imam said, but the recognition that men and women are attracted to each other, thus distracting from worthy pursuits, explains the customs of keeping women obscured from public view.

"What about Saddam Hussein?"

Getting rid of Saddam is fine, the Imam said, but doing it by blowing up cities only creates more misery and damages the image of the United States.

"How do you define 'jihad'?"

The term is misused by terrorists, the Imam explained. In fact, 'jihad' is an effort to protect and perfect oneself, a positive system which only allows warlike response if a people has been attacked.

Clearly, the discussion could have continued for hours. Headmaster Marty Doggett summed up the value of the presentation best with these words: "In a time when politics and religion combine in an incendiary mix, we are indeed lucky to have Imam here."—JK

A Crash Course in GDArt History



Dear Editor:

I should like to add a footnote to Dick Leavitt's fine sidebar article "One Master's Long View" in the Fall 2002 issue.

Prior to my formalizing the art history course and offering an optional Saturday morning course in pen-and-ink drawing in the downstairs studio of Thompson Arts Center, the Newburyport artist Richard Gibney had been instructing and encouraging a few lads in oil and watercolor painting in the small but well-lighted basement under the infirmary in Duncan House.

At that time Dick Gibney's delicate and revealing portrait in oils of his young son was displayed in the dining hall, his gift I presume to the Academy. It is a painting that even teenage boys would notice and comment on. I hope that it is still in the Academy's collection and is displayed in an accessible place for viewing among your fine new facilities.

When the Thompson Arts Center was completed and to celebrate its opening, we hoped to hang some works in its lobby and install some small ceramics or pieces of sculpture in its glass cases. In order to do so, with Headmaster Val Wilkie's blessing, I wrote to his former colleague and my mentor Bartlett Hayes Jr., Director of the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy. Bart was also a friend of the Thompsons and readily agreed to lend suitable works for the show. When he arrived to make preliminary plans, he was horrified to see that the lobby backed up to the grill. He said in his most charming way that he was surprised we had even considered such a dangerous idea but would lend works for display in a secure and safe place, if we could find one.

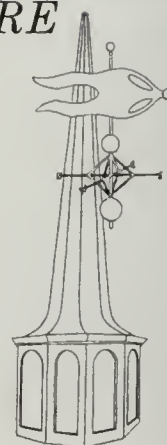
Not wanting to pass up this very important and generous offer, Val and I searched the campus, finally arriving at a large, well-lighted, dry and secure room in the basement of Parsons Schoolhouse. We invited Bart back; he approved of our plan and eventually sent us a dozen paintings by major American artists, to be installed by Addison Gallery technicians. The opening was a huge success.

Notwithstanding the construction of the Thompson Arts Center, I believe the establishment of the Parsons Schoolhouse gallery began the era of modern art at GDA.

That first show was followed by a number of others over the next several years. Among the most memorable of the early exhibitions were those of the works of Byfield artist Sue Hoy; of the noted Boston Printmaker Margaret Philbrick (aunt of Meg Miller, wife of science department head Doug Miller, both loyal supporters of the arts at GDA); and of Maine sculptor Bernard "Blackie" Langlais. We had hoped for a show at that time of

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SPIRE



the work of Newburyport's Waldo Pierce, the artist who created the superb panoramic painting of GDA wrestling which, I believe, does still hang in the Phillips Building. But it could not be arranged.

Waldo was an excellent athlete in the early part of the century at Andover and Harvard, and in the post-WWII years came to many of GDA wrestling coach Heb Evans's competitions. Hugely attended, these matches were always fiercely contested and appealed to Waldo's sense of the dramatic. Waldo chose to record, if my memory serves, a match with Andover. He was a particular friend of Kittie and Tom Mercer and their portraits appear in the wrestling painting – Tom in his fur coat.

Perhaps the most successful and well-attended Parsons Schoolhouse gala was the first exhibition there of the ink and watercolor painting of Kittie Mercer. Beyond her contribution of works for our show, Kittie's enthusiastic support, wide circle of friends, and expert guidance had been essential in establishing the Parsons Schoolhouse Gallery. Her art classes soon became very popular and student paintings were hung throughout the campus, particularly in the Frost Building classrooms.

Concurrently, another and competing gallery had opened (and quickly closed) on Phillips II. Denoted The Phillips II Gallery of Erotic Art, it too featured paintings, graphics, and sculpture. One notable work was titled, The Height of Ambition, a riverine scene depicting a flea floating along on a leaf approaching a drawbridge. Another was a large, handsome and anatomically explicit pair of figures, Adam and Eve, constructed of standing wrought iron student lamps serving as armatures for papier maché bodies. Their heads were green, steel acetylene tank valve covers. These heroic creations remained in the Thompson studio for some time, a testament that art will flourish everywhere.

I was one of but a few faculty members invited to the otherwise very well-attended opening of the Phillips II Gallery, and browsed appreciatively, listening to the illustrative comments of various gallery guides while drinking fruit juice punch mixed up in a porcelain bowl "borrowed" from the infirmary. The show was, of course, a group effort with submissions from artists of the Class of 1965 residing elsewhere than on Phillips II. Fortunately, all works were unsigned. The Gallery closed immediately upon its discovery by a member of the administration.

Finally, at about this time, at the urging of student writers, we established the literary magazine Spire. Dave Tinker, 1966, whose drawing talent I had recognized in my Saturday morning gatherings, was the first art editor, and he created the dramatic pen and ink drawing of the Moseley Chapel steeple and weathervane that was featured on the first cover. It served as our logo in subsequent issues.

These events occurred a long time ago but I think I have most of the details correct. Thanks to Dick Leavitt and The Archon for evoking so many vivid memories!

John B. Ogden Jr.



Portrait by Dick Gibney now hanging in Pescosolido Library



Liz Randlett



Dean Explains Value Of Outward Bound

"The approach of my office to discipline is that you need to learn from your experience and grow rather than just face the embarrassment and hide," explains Dean of Students Lynda Bromley.

Fifteen years ago, after she attended an Outward Bound session "as a way to jump-start my life following a personal trauma," Bromley conceived of requiring certain at-risk students to take part in Outward Bound if they wished to return to the Academy. Her personal experience convinced her that Outward Bound would provide an effective way "to build confidence, self-esteem, leadership skills, and gain a new perspective" on one's environment. Through participation in the program, she believes, students' "mistakes in behavior can become a positive growth experience."

In the last decade, the school has required approximately 20 students to do an Outward Bound experience. These are boys and girls who find themselves in serious disciplinary trouble, explains Bromley, "where we as a school still feel there is value in keeping them in our community, but they need an intense experience that will teach them about themselves." The requirement comes at the end of the academic

year to be fulfilled over the summer. Some other students are encouraged, but not required, to attend if they are struggling socially and have engaged in some behaviors of concern.

Has it worked? "It has definitely impacted in a very positive ways each GDA student who has participated," says Bromley. "For some, admittedly the effect is short-term, but for many others Outward Bound has provided a life-changing experience."

To Dean Bromley, steering kids toward Outward Bound reflects the Academy's firm commitment to "letting education take place in venues other than the classroom. Outward Bound has been a wonderful tool for us to use for students who needed a positive way to face their mistakes and make redemption. It provides an active, not passive, experience where they have to prove themselves to themselves and to us. That's the value."

Since her first experience 15 years ago, Bromley has attended two more Outward Bound sessions as a participant, but never a leader. Why? "My belief is that I have to walk the talk to understand what the students are going through."

When junior Liz Randlett found herself faced with disciplinary action from the Dean of Students, she could not have envisioned that her "punishment" would be the experience of a lifetime. She didn't yet know that Dean Lynda Bromley and other GDA administrators have long recommended a summer at Outward Bound for students who have pushed school rules too far.

To her surprise, Liz was faced with either spending a summer sailing or not returning to the Academy. Clearly, there was no contest. "I usually do sea kayaking or rock climbing each summer," she says. "I always wanted to do a sailing course, so this gave me a real reason for doing it." To her, Outward Bound was no trip to the gallows. She went willingly and with much excitement.

The Vermont native was sent to Hurricane Island School, headquartered on Burnt Island in Maine. Nine teens were grouped with two leaders on a 30-foot pulling boat – similar to an old whaling vessel – for three weeks. "It was pretty intense." Every six days, the group would leave the boat and visit Burnt Island or another island to which they had navigated.

Each participant was required to do one three-day solo experience. "Solo is when you are put on an island by yourself with an apple, a bagel, a handful of gorp, water, a sleeping bag and that's it. It is a time to reflect on yourself." Although Liz is quick to admit that she "didn't enjoy" the solo experience, she values it immeasurably. "I appreciated the fact that there was never going to be a time in my life again that I would not talk to another human for three days. I appreciate the

Boundless Opportunities

Photographs courtesy of Outward Bound

time it gave me to reflect back on my life. At first, I was afraid, because I'm not really that kind of person."

During her time alone, Liz thought about "how much I had and how my parents loved me...and how I was given the opportunity to attend boarding school...and how I really needed to take charge of it." Looking back, she realizes the solo was "a learning process about myself, as if I was reading a book about myself." In Liz's eyes, "Everyone came back from solo rejuvenated. It was like a power boost everyone got."

Back with her group on board the boat, Liz continued to learn about herself and others. "Outward Bound has such a minimalist attitude. It allowed me to see how many things I really don't need." Living in such close quarters with people so different from each other, "from

opposite ends of social groups," also presented many challenges. "We were forced to bond and get along. It didn't matter how different we were. We ended up loving each other by the end. You can't let what social group you're in matter when you're on a 30-foot boat in the middle of the ocean and there's a thunder and lightning storm, and when the lightning strikes it's so close there is purple light around you." As a result of Outward Bound, Liz says, "I was able to define myself and the role I play in relationships. I'm the mother, the caregiver in relationships."

Though Liz loved the sailing aspect of Outward Bound, her most memorable day was on a rock climbing expedition. "We got



off the boat on Burnt Island," she recalls. "We were hiking, carrying packs and food, and it was 110 degrees. Everyone was so

some adjustment. "It was hard to come back because at Outward Bound I learned so much every day. I can't learn like that anywhere else. Every day something exciting happened." Besides, she misses her Outward Bound friends. "I talk online to them. We are so close. You sleep next to these people. When you're mad, you can't get away, you can't go to the library. You have to confront the problem. There is no getting out of it."

Not surprisingly, Liz would encourage other students to attend Outward Bound. "Most of the people in my group were forced to be there. Three days into it they said, 'I hate this, I hate my parents. Why am

"When I first saw Liz after her 26-day journey, her eyes were sparkling with confidence, curiosity, and a renewed sense of appreciation of herself and the world and people around her. It wasn't that the program changed her; rather the program allowed her to let some of her best qualities resurface."

—Liz's mother, Suesan Randlett

grumpy. We had to rappel down cliffs with the ocean below. As the high tide kept coming up, half of the cliff was covered in water. We climbed the saltwater cliffs. There was an overhang that everyone had tried to get up forever. I asked if I could try and I did it. No student had ever done it before, so I get to name the climb," Liz recounts with obvious pride and enthusiasm.

Clearly a scrambler, Liz also talks excitedly about pier jumping. "When we pulled into the different islands, they have piers where you put the boats in at low tide. On Hurricane Island, the pier is 60 feet above the water. At 5 every morning, we'd jump off those into the ocean. It was so cold."

Returning to the "real world" required

I here?' By the end, everyone was in tears because it was over so soon. The bottom line is that there is nothing better you could do for a teenager."

At the end of her three weeks, Liz was awarded a pin for being "the ideal Outward Bound student." And, although employees need to be at least 18 years old, the people at Outward Bound already have told Liz they would like her to become a trained leader. She's more than willing. —JK

The father of GDA trustee Josh Miner '69, P'98, '96, was a founder of Outward Bound in the United States. For more information about Outward Bound, check the Web: www.outwardbound.org or call toll free: 888-88BOUND.

Athlete

with an Artist's Heart

By Sayer Sweeney '04

"Student Athlete." The term gets thrown around a lot at schools like Governor Dummer, where the sharpest minds and most gifted athletes often congregate. Sometimes, kids are lucky enough to be blessed in both arenas, shining on the field and in the classroom. Few, however, do it as successfully senior John Leonard, a two-season captain and honor roll student.

When asked about John, his teachers and coaches alike offer copious praise, with the term "hard working" being a favorite accolade. All point to John's uncanny combination of athletic prowess and ability to perform in the classroom. "John is amazingly well-balanced. He has the appearance and demeanor of an athlete, but he has the heart of an artist," says David Oxtan, a fine arts teacher whose photography class John joined a full two weeks into the quarter. "I worried he would have a hard time catching up to the rest of the students. One week after he arrived, he was doing some of the best work in his class. He simply outworked all the other students," Mr. Oxtan adds.

John came to the academy as a repeat junior, after completing three years at Brunswick High School in Brunswick, Maine as an honor roll student. An all-state football and hockey player, it was not until junior year in Maine that John started playing lacrosse, receiving all-league honors in his first season. "I had always played baseball and wanted to try something new," John remembers. "A lot of my friends played and seemed to have a lot of fun with it." That was a short three years ago, and these days many consider lacrosse John's strongest sport.

In the midst of his junior year in Maine, John was also on the lookout for a place to prepare for college. He began eyeing GDA. "Visiting Jackson (Parker) was a big part of things," comments Leonard, referring to the times he and

his father would travel to Byfield to see a football game and visit the close family friend and member of the GDA class of 2002. It was during these visits that John fell in love with the campus, people, and atmosphere at GDA. After a tour of the school, John applied and was accepted to the Academy in the spring of 2001.

Entering GDA in the fall, he enjoyed immediate success, producing honor roll grades and being named ISL all-league honorable mention as the quarterback of the football team. He would go on to receive all league honorable mention honors in lacrosse during the spring of his junior year, and all league recognition for football again during his senior year, this time first-team honors. He was also presented with the Carl A. Pescosolido Junior Scholar-Athlete Award during the spring of his junior year, another tangible result of John's remarkable ability to combine "brains and brawn."

John is currently awaiting responses from a number of colleges, including Colby and Hobart, Division 3 schools, and Boston College, Holy Cross, and University of Vermont, all Division 1 schools. He hopes to play football, lacrosse, or both, wherever he attends. Asked about plans for the future, Leonard seems intent on securing the present. "I'm really just concentrating on college right now," he says. The comment seems to epitomize his character: relaxed, focused and personable. Those who know him best agree. "He's definitely a good kid, who always comes to the field with a great attitude," says GDA friend Brian Morrissey '05, this year's Varsity Football "Most Valuable Player" who also shares the lacrosse field with John. "Very laid back and there to help out whenever you need him, but when it's game time he comes to win."

If the success John has enjoyed at GDA as a scholar-athlete is any sign of things to come, winning is something he may have to get used to.

Photograph by Don Wieczorek '04



Ice is Nice for Falvey

By Kristen DeForrest '03

Anyone who knows Shannon Falvey can tell you that when it comes to athletics, the sight of her name in print is nothing new.

Almost four years after her first game as a student at GDA, Falvey continues to be known for her athletic prowess and dedication to her teammates, two attributes that have fueled her success as a four-year tri-varsity athlete. A member of both softball and ice hockey teams since her early childhood, she has been a key player on GDA's varsity squads since her entrance as a freshman. It is field hockey, however, that best illustrates her natural athletic talent. "I never even saw a field hockey game until I was playing in one freshman year," Falvey confessed recently. Now, as co-captain of the 2002 varsity team that entered into postseason play for the first time since 1989, she considers it her favorite sport, and hopes to play in college.

When asked about her success as an athlete, Falvey immediately cites team dynamics as a strong motivator. Teamwork, rather than the skill of an individual player, is the secret to a winning season, she argues. "The connections you make within a team can turn out to be some of the strongest." She also supports the importance of fundamentals over more flashy maneuvers. "I think it's the little things that can really change an outcome...on a day

that my team is doing all of the little things right, then everything else seems to fit into place."

In addition to the encouragement of her teammates, she has had no shortage of parental support. "My family has never missed a game, and sadly, my father has never been seen without a camera around his neck," Falvey laughs, before adding that "it really does make a difference to see them on the sidelines."

If her family has given her the support she needs for success, then GDA has provided a venue for the showcase of her talent, both on and off the field of play. "GDA has been a huge opportunity for me, both academically and athletically. I've played on some of the best teams in New England and competed against some of the best athletes in the league, all while getting an outstanding education."

Despite her challenging course schedule and her February 2002 induction into the GDA Honor Society, which recognizes students for their academic excellence as well as extracurricular achievement, Falvey considers herself to be more of an athlete than a student. "I think I have more control over my athletic performance than I do over my academic performance."

Falvey's academic and athletic success has ultimately come at a price. During a discussion about this year's first-semester art class, the first non-IFA art class she has attended at GDA, she voices her regret that due to her already full schedule, activities such as art haven't played as prominent a part as she would have liked. "I wish I could have found the time earlier to get into the art program, but running from practice to dinner and then study hall can get pretty overwhelming in itself." Her athleticism hasn't complicated all areas of her high school experience, however. With a close network of caring friends and teammates, Falvey has a strong social life that has only been enhanced, rather than hindered, by her involvement in sports.

Beyond her plans to play field hockey and softball at Trinity College next year, Falvey has no major expectations or plans for her future just yet, preferring to remain open to the multitude of positive experiences that will undoubtedly come her way. "I think I'll just take it one day at a time and see where I end up."

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Buster's

BIRTHDAY BASH



Howard J. "Buster" Navins arrived at GDA from Holyoke, MA in 1930 and graduated with the class of 1931. While a student here, he managed the football team then coached by William Jacob, and was captain of the baseball team coached by Ted Eames.

As third baseman, he helped the team to a 7 win, 1 tie and 6 loss season and was considered brilliant in his fielding skills. Buster also played forward on the basketball team and was considered a fine shot and hard working player. The team, coached by Francis Reagan, had 11 wins and two losses that season.

After GDA, Buster earned a Bachelor's degree from Williams College in 1935 and a Master's degree from Columbia

University in 1937. He returned to GDA in the fall of 1936 to teach mathematics, adding biology, Latin, German and speech to his teaching roster over the years. He also served for a time as dorm master and Dean of Students as well as assistant baseball coach, head baseball coach, and soccer coach.

Buster and his wife, Fran raised two sons, Peter '66 and Rusty '63, on the GDA campus. Fran, the GDA librarian, was a

great support to Buster and was much loved by the boys of GDA.

Buster retired in 1977, his 41-year career at the Academy having positively and unalterably affected the lives of hundreds of students.

It is no wonder that nearly 200 people braved the New England winter weather on December 8 to honor Buster on his 90th birthday. Buster's reaction reflected his vintage modesty: "I'm flabbergasted to see all these people here," he said. "It's quite a tribute."

A scrapbook of memories offered by former students reflected the love so many felt for him. Here are some photographs of the party with snippets from admirers.

BILL GRIFFITH '37 – “My one year as a student of Busters was the outstanding and most remembered of my 18-19 years of schooling.”

JACK BELL '38 – “In three years at Governor Dummer I never had Buster Navins as a dormitory master, never as a teacher, never as a coach. But, most important, I had him as a friend.”

DAVID GEARHART '40 – “Thanks for giving a skinny sixteen-year-old, son and younger brother of much better athletes, the opportunity and confidence to find his own way as a varsity athlete.”

HOWARD STIRN '41 – “I wish to let you know again, and again, how much you contributed to my very successful, satisfying and happy life.”

DAVE ESTY '50 – “You were, and are, and always will be a presence in my life.”

FRED SMITH '52 – “Few people in my mind reach *LEGEND* status in their lifetime. And, Buster Navins has entered that rarefied world.”

PETER SHERIN '59 – “We said, ‘Mr. Navins,’ but from the beginning he was ‘Buster.’ We had an extraordinary mixture of respect and affection for him, in the classroom, on the playing field, and in the dorm, that will last our lifetime.”

PETER MACHINIST '62 – “Your classes were an exercise in precise, disciplined study; no fooling around.... You always cushioned the inevitable failures with your rapid-fire humor and sensitivity, and made them an impetus to go on, not to go out.”

DONALD BALSER '64 – “Certainly some of the proudest moments in my life have little to do with making successful business decisions or with cleverly negotiating business deals. They are the moments when I have truly played as a team member for the greater good, have shared my experience with others so that they might be more than they thought they could be, and have guided them in a direction where their action and efforts have contributed to the benefit of all. Buster, much of this is due to your lessons and guidance – the most memorable teacher in my life.”

MIKE MULLIGAN '71 – “Thank you for teaching us, in your words, “to play better than we knew how” – and we somehow did just that. Thanks to you – and to your amazing bride, Fran – for your example of dedication, commitment, honor, fairness, and kindness. You are an extraordinary couple, and you have both served as examples of devotion, stability, and constancy to so many students and faculty.”

JODY ZAFRIS ROBIDOUX '76 – “I’ll always remember the fun I had in your speech class and how you encouraged me to give a speech about co-education at Governor Dummer to the Rotary back in 1976.”



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Reunions

Class of 1928 - '75th
Class of 1933 - 70th
Class of 1938 - 65th

In recent weeks I have received a number of notes from alumni with comments about the church parades that occurred every Sunday before the school chapel was built, the most recent one being from Dana Jones '37. Dana is still living in Australia and enjoying the summer weather while GDA is having subzero temperatures. While in Byfield the students have been experiencing very cold weather, it has, on the whole, been mild on the Monterey Peninsula. However, we have had some very high winds. In my yard, four 100-year-old pines came down. In back of the lot three more were uprooted, but fortunately for me, they were on city property. The roots however, knocked down my fence. Received a long letter from **Ward Fearnside '31** and he said that he and Margaret are still living in their home in Wellesley Hills, MA. Last summer he rode his bicycle 150 miles to his 68th reunion at Bowdoin College. Let's hope that next June, he can make a shorter bicycle trip to South Byfield for his 72nd reunion at Governor Dummer.

This is a good spot to remind members of the classes of 1928, 1933 and 1938 that we will be celebrating our 75th, 70th and 65th anniversaries of our passing the Milestone and graduating from GDA.

John Davidson '35 has moved from Hampton, VA to 14 Christine Drive, Milford, NH. The move will put John and Helen closer to their daughter, and to the ski slopes of New Hampshire. **Charlie Somerby '37** is very active in the Santa Rosa Historical Society in Milton, FL. He continues to do some writing on the side. By the time you see this note, spring training will have started. Charlie is an avid Red Sox



Baird Hodgkinson class of 1933

fan and hopes that this year the Sox will win the title, or at least beat the Yankees. **Bill Ferris '38** and Mary are still very active, and have made several golfing trips to Southern California. When not playing golf they are helping to rebuild the Parish Hall at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Grass Valley, CA. **Marshall Brown '29** is now 91 years old and is still active in soliciting ocean and inland marine insurance. He and Virginia continue to live in their home of many years in Ipswich, MA.

I hope that we will see him at the June reunion as part of the Old Guard get-together.

1939

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It is with sadness we report the death last August of our friend and fellow classmate, **Jack Dunlap**. Although not in the best of health the past few years, he was a regular contributor to this column with updates on his many interests and activities. I have recently expressed our deepest sympathy to his wife, MaLe Roy and family over his passing. **Gordon Tooley**, whom we have not heard from recently, tells us he has five healthy, happy and successful children and has been married for 52 years. He retired in

1970, moved to Brevard, NC and now divides his time between the mountains of North Carolina and sunny Florida. The best of both worlds! **George Lord**, another long lost fellow alum, is apparently in good health and with his son, **Rob '68**, attended **Buster Navins '31** 90th birthday celebration in December. He tells us Buster looks great and they had a great time reminiscing about the good old days. George made particular mention of seeing how the campus has changed since 1939. **Thayer Richardson** also divides his time between Florida and Essex, MA. His interests still lie in boating and craft work and visiting friends. **John Klotz** reports: Had arrhythmia and cardio version in Sept. Can still play both golf and tennis. Lost 20 lbs; now a slim 165 lbs. He continues to surprise me with his boundless energy. He spent eight days at his Florida condo in December where he played golf and tennis; not having enough exercise, when he returned to Bryn Mawr, he has been playing indoor tennis twice each week. In January, he returns to Florida where he plans to visit **Tom Tenney**, although he didn't say for how long. If he does, I hope Tom will tell us what keeps Klotz ticking.

John Gannett, the old sea dog, is having a great time with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. As a coxswain, he recently had an exciting experience traversing the Silver River in Florida explaining how the steam arising from the river made the trip somewhat of a chore. However, it turned out to be fun. Between his boating and railroading in Maine, John keeps pretty busy. It was great to hear from **Ed Noyes** who spends nine months on Dataw Island, SC and three months in Southington, CT. I gather golf occupies much of his retirement with still time to spend with his kids who live in Toronto, Phoenix and Ohio. Ed gets to Newburyport to visit his brother from time to time. Although the timing for our reunion doesn't always work out he hopes, as we do, that he will make our 65th in 2004.

Chuck Goodrich remembers the good old days and recalls Mr. William Mitchell, our math instructor. He was a distinguished appearing individual who knew his subject like no other. However, he would occasionally get annoyed by his pupils, in which case he would rap the ever present yardstick on

his desk. This sometime threatening action would quickly restore order to his class, particularly to the offenders. Chuck also recalls that the most relaxed pupil in his class was his brown Irish setter. How about some of you other '39ers giving us some of your reminiscences?

Hopefully some of you will make plans to attend our 64th reunion June 13,14 and 15. It's a great occasion and, as mentioned previously, you will be treated like royalty. Hope to see you there. Don't forget our 65th in 2004!



Russell Simons class of 1938

I940

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Andy Bailey will be living in Naples, for most of the winter and hopes to see **Bob Lyle** there. He was glad to see that Governor Dummer beat Belmont Hill in hockey. He says he has a few more aches. **Jim Dodge** says that after his recent stroke he has only booze and bridge to keep him occupied as he is losing his sight, balance and cannot play golf anymore. Says "it's the pits." **Bob Little** sends his best wishes to all. This year he and his wife are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary and plan several trips to hangouts of their youth. **Charlie McDowell** is busy on the kitchen committee of his church as they put on two dinners a month averaging about 200 people. He

spent five weeks at the beach in North Carolina in the spring and again in the fall. Seems to spend a lot of time in doctor's office but enjoys water aerobics about three times a week. **Ben Wright** continues his involvement in the "scandal ridden" world of figure skating and attended the Nationals in Dallas and will be at the Worlds in Washington in March. He continues to work on skating history for the international federation. He has stopped golf and curling but still attends Rotary, Masons, Salvation Army advisory meetings and savings bank trustee meetings. He is also working (not enough) on family history. **Bill Torrey** says many of the class are enjoying winter vacations; consequently so few letters to me. I'm still poking along on my prescriptions and as **Jim Dodge** says, some help from Smirnoff. As I write, I'm looking out on two feet of snow. Fairyland-BAH. Just 39 days 'til Spring. I can't wait. Looking forward to hearing from many more of you for the next Archon. Best regards to all.

I941

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Howard Stirn says: "About the same as last year – in good health! Published the Stirn Family Genealogy (10 years of work) back to 1430; printing my WWII memoirs; closing them after another successful season at our dude ranch, R Lazy S; still involved with Sea Research Foundation in Mystic, CT (including Aquarium & Bob Ballands, Institute for Exploration); walking, horse back riding, bicycling (in FL) etc. etc." **Neal Cox** says: "returned from Bangkok, Thailand serving as an engineering consultant to the Siam Pulley Co. for five weeks. Still active in Rotary – treasurer for two institutions. Looking forward to two weeks on Sanibel Island, FL golfing this winter." **Vaughan Pitman** reports: "I have been out of GDA for 62 years going back to Ted Eames. Dot and I have 17 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We spent time in Florida and Colorado in our motor home last year. We are still active on state and local boards and committees. I am point man for the NH 9th Army Air force Association, and we meet twice a year."

Jim Monroe writes: "A busy year.

Family gathering in Christmas Cove, ME to celebrate our 50th with a grandson and we cruised Alaskan waters – good experience. Granddaughter married in Sydney, Australia – a long plane ride. Wintering – as usual – in Palm Dessert, CA – several family members – all three generations – have visited at various times. In between times – I had a stent in my heart in the spring, a pacemaker-defibrillator during summer and leg blood clots this winter. Expect to get back to tennis shortly – old age sport for sissies. **Paul Morgan** says: "In October '02 I visited Howard (Buster) Navins at his retirement home in Westboro, MA. He was hospitalized with his arm in a sling as the result of a fall. He was worried about getting back to living with his wife Frances soon and being alive on December 2 to celebrate his 90th birthday. Being a relative of the President of the Board made it possible to arrange a celebration at GDA on 8 December – a truly memorable event for Howard's entire family."

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Had a nice, long letter from **Humphrey Simpson**. He had not sent a letter for the 50th Reunion book we put out, so this letter is to catch us up on his life's activities. He writes, "Finished my PG year (at GDA) in June, 1943. Went into (Navy) V-12. Commissioned an Ensign and served on CVE-77, U.S.S. Marcus Island in the Pacific. War over, went into Naval Air Transport Service, O-in-C detachment at Eniwetok, Kwajalein and Johnston Islands. Left the Navy as a Lieutenant J.G. Returned to Williams College and graduated in September '47. Started working, married and had three daughters and one son. Working to make money for someone else interfered with my avocation. Formed a partnership doing arbitrage, special mergers, buy-outs and take-overs, etc. We also had a textile mill and coffee operations in Brazil. That left me with plenty of time for ocean sailboat racing. I did three transatlantic races to Copenhagen, Cork, Ireland and Bayonne, Spain. Went the Channel and Fastnet races, over sixteen Newport-Bermuda races, seven Marion-Bermuda races, four southern ocean race circuits and many more local long-dis-

tance races. Also did over 17 ocean cruises including England, Spain, Caribbean, Mediterranean, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Ireland. Have also sailed in the Canadian Pacific Northwest and out in the Tahiti area. I have now given up yachting. My wife, Rosie, and I now play lots of golf at Mariner Sands in Stuart, Florida in the winter, and at the Newport National Country Club from our summer home in Portsmouth, RI. I hope this brings you up to date."

Bill Hill writes, "Still taking care of each day one at a time! Have recovered from major back surgery 100% and recently cataract removal. I wish others in the Class of '42 would drop a short message or two. It is comforting to all of us to keep in touch. Time is moving on! **Tom Fenn** sent a card telling that he has "just purchased an '03 Tradewinds 40 motor home to carry on until I'm 90!...at least, maybe beyond if I'm able. Three kids are in their fifties, a younger one is 38! And will retire from the Air Force in April after twenty years. Boy, does that make me feel old!!!" **Bob Harris** filled up a card, noting that "we are well, fit and active with swimming, biking, walking, cycling and taking in the arts. Events prevented me from attending our 50th reunion, but we are coming east next year and I want to show Pat GDA. I am still drawing boats - a 42 foot catamaran sloop, accommodations for a 51-foot sport fishing motor yacht and other older designs. I will go to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy 59th exercises again to show the campus to Pat. Together, we wish you all a happy, healthy 2003." **Ted Stitt** writes, "All goes well in my new Retirement Center Home in Ocean Palms. Hope to see you at reunion time at GDA in June. Meanwhile, Merry Christmas to both of you. This retirement center is nicer, cleaner and much more friendly! Cheaper, too!"

More Photographs!

Send in your photographs and class notes to skeyes@gda.org.

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60th Class Reunion June 13, 14, 15 2003

The returns to the Class Survey were a bit sparse, but fun. As I figure it, we were 52 in number when we left school. The 2002 list carries 39. Twelve of us have e-mail addresses that the school knows. Of all those numbers, 10 answered the quiz, all without the help of **Tom Mercer's** dachshund. If these 10 are representative of the class, 90% of us were in the Service, we went to two colleges, have had 1.08 wives and have been married from 3 to 54 years. We have 2.6 kids, 3.2 grands and 0.6 Greats. We've lived in three houses and worked for 1.8 employers. If you could have skewed these numbers, it's your fault for keeping it a secret. We did get some interesting notes along with the test answers.

Bob Wadleigh had an occasion to visit the VA hospital rehab and roomed with **Buster Navins '31**. Small world department. Bob continues to report on Central America including flying a plane from Costa Rica to Peru. The point is that he doesn't know how to fly. A GDA education teaches one to fake it.

Bob Wood is enjoying life with golf and boating in Florida. His only regret is that he waited too long to quit and live.

Roy Coombs is spending long winters in Venice, Florida so as to beat the Mass taxes.

Walt McGill will be at the 60th and looks forward to you joining with him in attending and contributing to the fund. He says that '43 is usually among the leaders and he works hard at keeping it true. We can help him.

Morgan Cooper is retired, has downsized to a condo and its finest kind. **Bob Morrell** is one of those who continues to help pay our Social Security and we all thank



Warren Court class of 1943

him. He sees **Widge Thomas** regularly.

Dick Hamilton is about to join the great unemployed and pick up some of **Bob Morrell's** largesse.

Ben Mann reports that his extremities are creaking and the central pump is questionable. He should remember that we were all built in the middle 20s and nothing lasts forever. He will be in good and similar company when he comes to the 60th in June.

Dick Urie sent in a great report on the life and times of the Uries, the most important part being that he has pretty much recovered from the loss of his wife and partner of 53 years and has found a great companion. They are in the Lady Lakes section of Florida and would welcome a call at 352/753-5214 if you travel that way.

The **Ben Brewsters** have a fifth Grand, the first boy, and are reveling in his company. We are to travel the Rhine in the fall and think you should join us.

Mostly we would love to see a whole big bunch of '43s at the Reunion in June. Considering our attained age, we might not make it to the big 100, so grease up those wheelchairs, shine up the canes, get a new battery for the hearing aid and show us all how much better you are than the rest. See you in Byfield in June.

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Sam Finlay writes: "We moved to Asbury Methodist Village in nearby Gaithersburg, MD. It has everything you could ask for in a retirement home, but it is not 'home'. Priscilla has had numerous silent mini strokes which have caused dementia and a loss of balance. She can walk very short distances with a walker, but uses a wheel-chair most of the time. It became difficult to manage with all the steps in our house. Doctors assure us she does not have Alzheimer's. She still has her personality. Our address is: 415 Russell Ave. - Apt 605, Gaithersburg, MD 20877 Phone (301) 987-6749. P. S. I still play golf twice a week and keep active."

Pinky Whitney says: "On December 8th '02 my wife, Kay, and I hit the road to wish Howard J. Navins well on his 90th for cookies and cake and ice cream! 'Twas a good show. Buster didn't look any different than he did when he coached us in soccer nor when I first met him back in 1936 at Camp Winona. He is truly a wonder in my life, a prince of a man. Had a nice chat with Miss Lovell. Met Mr. and Mrs. Doggett now in charge of the Helm of Good Ship 'GDA.' In all we had a wonderful time with son Randy '70 keeping the Ol' Man up to date with all the new improvements. 'Buster' gave me the nick-name at Winona."

Franc Skirball reports that he is still working part-time at Office Depot. He just got back (October, 02 I think - SKK) from a week in Hawaii and got badly sun burned. Franc's looking forward to our 60th in 2004.

George Pollin, one of the more reliable correspondents, says he's had a "pretty neat year." He got an ICD in February, 2002. (For those of us un-informed : "An implantable defibrillator (ICD) is a device that is implanted under the skin in the chest to monitor episodes of rapid heartbeat. Since many of these dangerous heart rhythms can cause the heart to stop beating or even result in sudden cardiac death, defibrillators deliver life-saving shocks to help return the heart to a normal rhythm.") George and Carolyn took a trip to the Baltic in May. Got to visit Copenhagen, St. Petersburg, Helsinki,

Kalmar, Warnemunde, and Arhus, all briefly, as the whole thing was by boat and lasted only 13 days. But interesting, he says. (Army guys call 'em "boats," Navy pucks call 'em "ships." A boat is any craft that can be hauled aboard a ship. They took a river boat (OK!) down the Rhone in October. Stopped in Paris (three days), Dijon, Chalon-sur-Saone, Lyon, Tournon, Avignon, Arles, and Nice. This was, he thought, a better trip even though Carolyn caught the "bug" that we all read about and they had to put up with what George now calls the "weasily" French. They spent Christmas at home with friends and skipped the carousing at New Year's.

Dennis Andersen is getting ready to send out emails urging all to attend our 60th. His email address is: danderse@tampabay.rr.com, so send him an email if you are on 'de net. He is collecting addresses. Dennis is looking for a few volunteers for one or more skits at the 60th reunion. (Classmates like I who have trouble memorizing their own Social Security numbers need not volunteer. But anyone who wants to demonstrate his lack of senility is welcome.:-) Dennis also says that **David Ambrose** visited him in Florida and Dennis visited Ambrose in Massachusetts. He says his, Dennis's, house has bedrooms with separate entrances and is open to all for short visits.

Warren Perkins came through with a page and a half letter of really good stuff. He told me to edit it so here goes (tough to do.) He said he felt guilty not having written and set forth a few lines of what has gone on in the Warren Perkins "world." He continues to live in Houston, but suffers from Post-Traumatic-Yankee-Disorder (PTYD). This is caused by being brought up in New England, but now living in Houston where 36% are Hispanic, 18% are Asian (primarily from Vietnam), 14% are black, and the remaining 32% are white of which few understand his accent. Says he's kidding. Having lived and worked 19 years in Venezuela and Mexico, he's gotten over PTYD long ago. He attends an advanced Spanish class with other retired expatriates. He and his wife also take Continuing Study courses at Rice University and attend "the exceptionally good theater, ballet, symphony, museums, etc. here." They particularly enjoy the folk music and blue grass programs always available. Their health is good so they travel. They spent five weeks with two other cou-

ples in Scotland, Northern England, and Wales staying in time share facilities, B & B's, and a house exchange. They recently got back from three weeks in China which was among their all-time favorite trips. They saw the Great Wall, the terracotta warriors, etc., but their favorite was a five-day cruise up the Yangtze River through the scenic gorges. Once the Yangtze is dammed it will swallow a valley's worth of the country's most lovely scenery and precious past. He suggests we grab a boat ride down the river before the end of 2003. In May, with his wife and another couple, he went on a fishing holiday for dorado (mahi mahi) and other small game fish to their favorite, rustic fishing camp in Baja California, Mexico, about 60 miles north of San Jose Del Cabo on the Gulf of California. There were no dorado, so their guide took them for marlin. Warren hooked onto a good size fish. For about fifteen minutes, the marlin did its expected dance, and he struggled, getting nowhere. It was quickly evident to him that this fish was going to win. He handed the rod to his wife who brought the monster to the boat and released it in one hour and fifteen minutes. How about that put down to make one feel old! His wife had boated a slightly smaller marlin the day before. The best trip was two years ago in February when he, his wife and daughter went to the colonial town, San Miguel de Allende, in Mexico. They signed up for a bus tour of the winter retreat of the Monarch butterflies in the Sierra Madre mountains east of Toluca. They traveled to an entrance of one of the Monarch sanctuaries at 7,000 feet near the small town of Ocampo; from there climbed to 10,000 feet "slowly" through the Oyamel pine trees and entered an enchanted world - millions of butterflies clinging to the branches of the pines, on the ground drinking from small streams, and flying in clouds. Butterflies were so thick on the trees that the green branches were changed to orange and black and bowed with the weight. The hush of the forest was occasionally interrupted by the beating of the multiple wings of the butterflies (a cloud of butterflies flying does make a noise). They felt they were in nature's cathedral, God's home. The beauty and the massive sight of these insects was overwhelming. It is amazing to think that they fly every year from Canada and northern U. S. to this refuge - one of the great migrations. Warren continues: "**Ben Pearson** will be interested

to know that I have taken up fly fishing. I cannot cast the entire fly line, Ben, but I have on a few occasions made an accurate 60-foot cast. I am learning. Along about mid-February the water in the shallows in back bays from Galveston and Padre Island will be warming, and the red fish and speckled trout will be in with the tide feeding on shrimps and crabs. I hope to be there too, wade fishing on the flats in the early morning. I probably will not catch many fish, because when that dark shadow comes close, feeding along the grass, I will be watching the sand hill cranes, pelicans, and other sea birds. Life can be great, but you have to work at it."

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Bo Jameson writes: "After ten years of retirement, life has never been better for us. We spend five weeks in the Caribbean, a week skiing in Taos, NM where our son has a home by the slopes, our health is great and eight grandchildren. What more could one ask?"

Arch Kingsley writes: "Moved to 1634 James Wharf in Whitestone, VA - Northern Neck. It is what Easton was 40 years ago. Thought everybody was so old 'till I figured out they were my age. Moral - everyone ages but us - we remain young forever."

Sy Symonds says: "I have never been so glad to see a New Year come in. 2002 was filled with one physical problem after another - all year. I couldn't even make Buster's birthday celebration, which distressed me no end. I seem to be on the mend now, however, and ready to resume enjoying life on Cape Cod."

Paul Withington tells us: "Same old home, same old life, same old wife (55th anniversary coming up), quintuple heart bypass, third pace maker, knees are shot, going



Headmaster Emeritus Peter Bragdon with Bill Silver '46 and Marcia Silver in their Miami home.

deaf, feel great, but the world is going to hell!"

Robert Steinert reports: "Had a second grandchild in June, the daughter of my daughter Nell, who was married a couple of years ago in the GDA Chapel. Am in occasional touch with Peter Bragdon, who also lives in southern NH."

I946

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I guess you are all "shy" as I only had three responses to my request for news.

Dick Walsh attended Buster's birthday party with his son **Jay '77** and said that it was "outstanding". He and Nancy live in E. Greenwich, RI and winter at Singer Island on Florida's east coast. He sends greetings to you all. **John Kimball** wrote from Boothbay Harbor where his house was surrounded by two feet of snow - "winters of our youth are back". John was selected by the Colorado Business for the Arts juried competition in Denver. His piece is owned by the Johnson Wells Public Relations firm there. He will be represented in an invitational exhibit at the Maine Art Gallery in Wiscasset, ME, in April.

Ted Mixer says: "Tell the 'Duff' I'm still alive. Fairly busy with community type things, especially my wife's amateur theater. She's the actress; I'm chief go-fer. Some travel mainly to see family - Texas, Florida and Switzerland."

As you all know by now, my two former roommates - **Ed Maxson** and **Brewster Hemenway** died last fall. They were great guys and wonderful friends - I miss them. I've been in the Vets Hospital again for a lengthy stay. I've had wonderful care, but will be glad to get home in early March. Hope you are all perking along, I find this better than the alternative. Cheers.

I947

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Joe Welch writes: "I believe the Class of '47 took honors for attendance at Buster Navins' 90th birthday bash at the Academy on December 8. President **Jack Deering**, **Norm Brown**, **Danny Hall**, **Bill Bailey**, **Pete Sutton**, **Dana Mayo**, and yours truly. Perhaps others came late. It was a very emotional and moving ceremony. **Jack Deering**, along with **Bill Bailey**, **Danny Hall**, and Danny's kid brother **Manson Hall '49** checked in on their way to a hockey game in mid-December. Bill and Danny may have been subs!

Les Richard reports that he has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Area Ecumenical Network of the Fox Valley (Wisconsin). This group (primarily lay people) are involved with various efforts toward Christian Unity, specifically the week of Christian Unity, CROP Walk (proceeds to area food pantries), area workshops, and new pastor's luncheons.

Norm Brown writes: "Nothing to report at the moment. Now, tell me, Homer: do you do your own computer emailing or is Marie your 'ghost' writer? Jack D. knows nothing about computers so his wife, Ann, is sole techie in that household. Jack usually makes phone calls or writes letters, while email seems to be turning into a lost art. Come to think of it, I wish my wife could run this @%&*%\$@! computer and get me off the hook and out of cyber-trouble! Oh well, I guess this is the future we are leaving our children and grandchildren. My best to you and the rest of the '47 gang."



Collage by John Kimball '46

1948

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55th Class Reunion

June 13, 14, 15 2003

I don't know about how your winter weather has been, but we sure have had our share of snow this year in the North East. The days are getting longer, so I have high hopes that Spring will in-fact spring fairly soon. A quick reminder that our 55th Reunion is coming up this June, so please give that some serious thought for an important something to do this year. As for class notes, not very many this time.....I personally can say that Mary Cay and I spent the Christmas Holidays in San Diego, CA visiting our daughter and staying at a beautiful place on Mission Beach. Our nephew is Mark McGrath of the rock band "Sugar Ray", so it was nice to have had some quality time catching up with a definitely younger crowd. Our GDA Glee Club songs were far from the rock music out there today, believe me. Most of our age group have

never heard of Mark, but the high school age and younger know about him. Nice to be popular!

Somehow I managed to miss a note from **Richard Macnair** last time around. I am very sorry about that, Richard. It ended up in a "safe place," so safe that I couldn't remember where it was. Anyway Richard writes, "The year 2001 was our year for recognition. We received three Service awards, two plaques each from the Southwest Region, American Begonia Society and the ABS itself. The third was a gold medal from the Mass. Horticultural Society. The medal was presented to us on January 23, 2002 in a ceremony at the Copley Plaza Hotel. The first two were for volunteer work with begonias while the third covered broader activities in horticulture 'as growers, producers, teachers, administrators as well as tireless workers'." Congratulations to you and Wanda, Richard.

Received a very exciting note from **Pete Case**. He said, "I wish I had something interesting to pass along but I'm afraid my life is too dull. Hopefully I'll see you all in the spring". Looking forward to seeing you in the spring, Peter. Just being there with us will make your life more interesting, Peter.

Ash Eames hopes to be with us for our 55th in June. That's great, Ash! He and Deborah recently returned from India where they met their son Ned's in-laws. Right

now Ash is soaking up the sun in Sarasota, Florida until May 1. Hopefully, we can get together this year, Ash, as I expect to be back in Florida sometime in March.

Unfortunately I had a computer glitch toward the end of January and lost two notes from **Bill Lindquist** and **Ken Bruce**. As I remember, both Ken and Bill were traveling around the USA visiting with their respective families. The last I knew about Ken was that he and Nancy were relaxing in the Baja section of CA and Bill was trying to get on and off of Sanibel Island, FL. Big problems there, Bill. I heard that the collected tolls paid for the causeway "in full" way back in 1974, and now they want to rebuild the bridges all over again and guess what? The monies have been diverted elsewhere.

Dave Ellsworth was asked to try out for two summer stock shows in the Cape Cod area. I don't know what happened there, but we'll find out for next class notes, as I expect to see Dave in FL sometime during the second week of March.

Ted Long reports: "I am still alive and mostly well, having been discharged from the hospital yesterday having been subjected to a fem-pop bypass procedure on the 4th."

Bob and Nancy Skeele had a great little visit to Boxford in January, full of reminiscences, with **Pete Sutton '47** and Jean (Sager) Sutton. Jean recalled that Bob and his family lived near the Academy in the early 40s, actually in Miss Jessie Degen's house (now across the lane from Ingham). Bob remembered that Norman Harris, biology master, brought back a dead lion one summer day in 1943 from Georgetown Wild Animal Farm. **Ash Eames** called Bob to hustle over. A few others watched as Mr. Harris began to dissect the lion on the Mansion House lawn, in the approximate position where diplomas were given out in those days. Mr. Harris cut open the animal and stretched out its small intestine, preparing to measure its length (20 feet or so?). Enter Hansie, the Mercers' dachshund, who grabbed the organ and started towing it at full speed toward Parsons Schoolhouse. Jean, a very small girl at the time, remembered that the lion and its contents didn't smell very nice. Speaking of summer, we remembered that Pete, the Glee Club president a few years later, sang Gershwin's "SummerTime" at a concert in Lang Gymnasium. Later still, in 1953, Pete and Bob saw each other at the telephone booth



Ed Veasy '49 and Zoe sailing to St. Johns, New Brunswick with their son and family

aboard the USS Yosemite, Pete's ship, in Newport, R.I. Bob's ship, a destroyer escort, was tied up a few yards astern of the Yosemite."

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In a past Archon issue, Fall 2002, there was a picture of **Rod Jennings** playing the piano surrounded by other '49 classmates: **Rick Tyler**, **Brock Martin**, **Arch des Cognets** and **Bruce Denkert**. The caption of this picture says, "Members of the Class of '48." I know the '48ers are very worthy, but...

Tom Sayles writes: "I had a brain tumor removed in September and have had radiation since then. I'm up and about, have played golf and tennis, and I'm enjoying my three children and five grandchildren who all live nearby." Tom would enjoy hearing from you. His home phone is (973) 635-0435. Everyone wishes Tom a complete recovery. **Rick Tyler's** update: "Ed and Zoe Veasey were here this week skiing at Alta. I enjoyed three days skiing with them. One day, my wife, Ann, joined us and we stayed up for dinner as their guests. They will return for a second week to Park City the first week in March". **Ed Veasey** reports: "Just arrived home from Alta, Utah where Zoe and I had a chance to spend a few days skiing with Rick and Anne Tyler. Had wonderful weather and great skiing. Rick and Anne are

good skiers and good company. Last summer, had a great trip up to St. John, New Brunswick. Zoe and I met our son and family at Canadian border and then sailed to St. John. Would enjoy taking the Admiral for a sail this summer off Boothbay Harbor, Maine." Editor's note – great idea!

Dave King writes: "To my regret this is my first written communication to my GDA friends. For a guy that got the Junior Harvard Book Club Award for high character and scholarship, and who was awarded the Seniors Masters Prize for sportsmanship and unselfishness, it certainly does not look like I earned them. Don't judge me harshly, I have suffered from Bipolar disorder and did not want to share that with you. There have been cycles of mania and depression that controlled me throughout my employment careers and I carefully tried to hide my condition. My manic periods brought forth some outstanding achievements during which there were many incidents of character, scholarship, and unselfish public service to justify the award. My depressive states

to share this with you another time."

Manson Hall reports: "Alison and I have been hibernating in our Chatham home for the past few weeks while Alison recovers from a total knee replacement. Continuous movement of the knee, good physical therapists, sufficient pain meds and a supportive care provider are required. She uses a cane now only when she's outside and is considering the date for the other knee. We have been reading some wonderful books: *When Heaven and Earth Changed Places: A Vietnamese Women's Journey From War to Peace* by Le Ly Hayslip – very powerful. Joseph Ellis (whose reputation has been tarnished by his admission that he never went to Vietnam when he boasted to his Mt. Holyoke College classes that he had) has written a penetrating book, *Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*. I also enjoyed the biography of Stephen Foster called *Doo-dah: Stephen Foster and the Rise of American Popular Culture* which Ken Emerson wrote in 1997. It is a light and very readable look at a somewhat tragic but very



Rick Tyler '49, Zoe and Ed Veasey '49 taking a skiing breather at Alta, Utah

were quite another matter. I want to share some of the great moments, many of which may interest you. I would like to share things about my outstanding wife, Lois, and my really great kids, Ginny 43, Tracy 42, and Steve 41, but there is no space here. I hope

important figure in the development of American music. I remain busy by teaching a course at the Cape Cod Community College, really a special grant program to help a small group of high school drop-outs to move on to college. And I journey up to



A postprandial (thanks to Tom Mercer's vocabulary training) discussion at Manson Hall's '49 home on the cape. Left to Right; Irv Grossman '49, Carol and Arch des Cognets '49, Alison Hall, Tora Grossman and Manson Hall '49. Gale Emery was in the Kitchen and Tom Emery '49 was behind the camera.

the Boston area once a week to sing in a men's glee club".

John Canepa writes that he is a consulting principal for Crowe Chizek and Company LLP, one of the largest certified public accounting and consulting firms in the US. He began his banking career in 1960 at three consecutive banks and then moved on to Old Kent Financial Corp in 1970 and matriculated to chairman and chief executive from 1982-1996. John has received numerous awards and honors including, "CEO of the Year" by Financial World Magazine. He is presently involved in numerous educational, cultural, civic, and board activities. Prior to his illustrious career, he received a B.A. in Economics from Harvard, served in the Navy on destroyers and received a MBA from NYU. He most recently was appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Michigan Secretary of State. John and his wife, Marie, have four children and eleven grandchildren.

Mansfield Smith closed his private medical office in San Jose, CA after nearly 40 years and moved to Davis, CA, a slower paced college town. However, after only a year, Smith got an offer he couldn't refuse and began a new career at 73 as a full professor at the University of California, Davis, Medical School nearby. He is enjoying teaching anatomy and surgery and having students and residents to take night calls for him. As the newest enrollee in the UC Davis Retirement Plan, Smith says Hooray for the

anti (age) discrimination statutes. The new schedule leaves him plenty of time for the area's fine hunting with bird dog Gryffindor and wife Linda, and the family's mountain retreat near Lake Tahoe.

1950

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Many thanks to all respondents. The first two just missed my last deadline.

Mal Robertson was "sorry to hear about **Don Blodgett** and **Chet Shearer**, both good guys." He is occupied with projects around the house, canoeing and fishing. Travels to see his "kids and grandkids in Denver and Raleigh." Mal concluded with a comment on his environment: "Birds here in Chicago area have left or died due to drought and West Nile Virus – kind of weird."

From **Denny Engs**, Crestline, CA came a post-it note saying, "Here is what has been going on." The note was attached to three pages of computer print-out describing three trips that Den led last spring and summer. The first was a Mesabi Trail bicycle ride in northern Minnesota covering 130 miles in three days. The other two were backpacking in the High Sierras, the last of the three being Den's 16th Sierra Club National

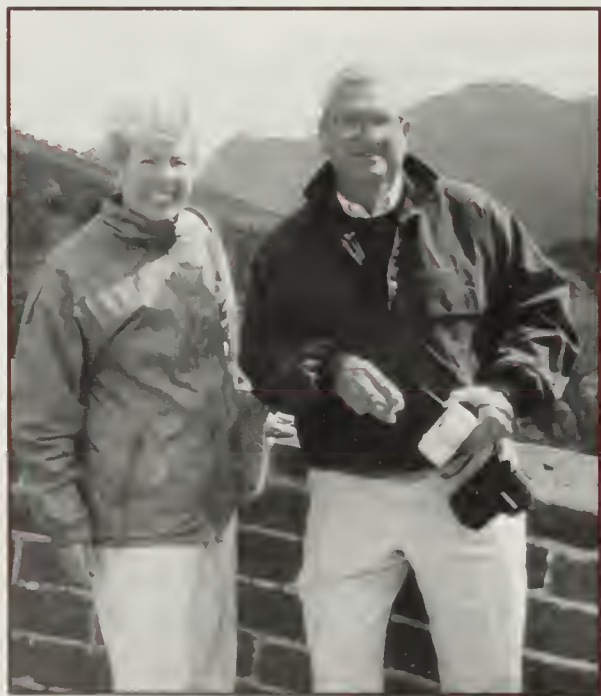
trip as leader. The day-to-day detail of these trips was fascinating. If you are ready for this kind of activity, give Den a call. After seeing our scholarship recipient **Brian Morrissey** '05 score three touchdowns in a GDA victory over St. George's, **Tim Greene** mentioned that he had superb blocking in front of him. The offensive line coach was John "Hog" Hannah, former New England Patriot Hall of Famer.

Bob Comey sent an e-mail saying, "Check out the picture on page 33 entitled members of the Class of '48." In fact, the picture of **Rod Jennings** '49 at the piano included a total of five from the Class of 1949, three members of the Class of 1950 and nobody from the Class of 1948, unless the concealed character behind Rod was back to relive old memories. Maybe the editors want to see if anyone is reading the Archon. Bob read it. "Imagine – Buster is 90 – wow!" was the reaction from **Don Bishop** who has come south for the winter to Cape Cod. Don and Polly spend June-Oct. in Maine. Polly does her pottery part time and Don says, "I'm starting to sculpt some cement and acrylic-fun. Have a nice Belgian lady with us 'til mid-Feb. so we are perfecting our French and her English."

Bob Dickerman sent a picture, which I hope is published on this page. It was taken in May, 1952 on the baseball field at Wesleyan. It shows three Amherst players in uniform. They are Bob, **Tommy Zins** and **Ash Eames**. Yes Bob, it did cause me to

smile. I must have been in the library studying while that picture was being taken.

From **Dave Esty** comes word that, "I am receiving some nice recognitions outside of Rhode Island, but instate stuff actually matters more to me since all politics and loving neighborliness is local. I have been named the Bristol Rotary Club's Honorary 2003 member. For this old bozo, I love it. Ski patrolling as much as possible at Black Mt. In NH this winter, snow has been A++; Business A++ too." Dave concludes with a touch of honesty and humility stating under the heading of Class, "more needed." Join the Bristol Rotary Club, Dave. That will do it. "Starting Jan. 28, 2003, I will be taking a course entitled "Inside Barnstable Town Government, a Citizen's Leadership Academy." It is an inaugural program conducted by the Town of Barnstable with the



Calvine and Charlie Bowen '50
at the Great Wall of China, October, 02

purpose of developing informed civic leaders. I'm tired of being just a follower. We spend 10 weeks studying all the departments and functions of town government. It should be interesting. Never too old to learn." This will keep **Bill Fletcher** out of trouble until the Red Sox opening game. Who knows, he may decide to run for office.

You heard about **Charlie Bowen's** family cruise through the Inside Passage from Prince Rupert to Juneau in the last Archon. Now he has done what I asked and

sent pictures to prove that his fabled travel adventures are not fabricated. In October he and Calvine cruised "from Hong Kong to Beijing, with stops in Xiamen (60 miles from Taiwan), Shanghai, Nanjing, Yantai and Beijing." They went inland for visits to the Great Wall, the terra cotta warriors in Xian and a cruise on the Yangtze River. "China is very Westernized in the major cities and very friendly." The Bowens spent November at the Yeamans Hall Club in Charleston and the Christmas holidays, with their daughters families in CT. "It's great living in a retirement community where we can just lock the door of our house, go traveling and not worry."

In late January I received an unexpected letter from Phyllis Fisher, wife of **Bob Fisher**. I want to share her message with all. "Your letter arrived in the midst of all the sympathy cards that have come to the house since Bob's sudden death. He died in his sleep – one of those fortunate and unfortunate events. He took medication for asthma and coronary problems, but lived life to its fullest, enjoying family and friends. He was not a correspondent and obviously didn't keep in touch with Governor Dummer. In going through his desk I discovered the 50th Reunion Book." Phyllis' gracious letter included an obituary with a photo taken in Texas three months before Bob's death. I'll pass this on to GDA. As our representative, I wrote a letter of condolences and thanks to Phyllis. Shortly thereafter came a beautiful card with a touching poem and a sailboat. The poem was entitled In Memory of **Donald W. Blodgett** and includes a note from his wife, Allie, with thanks for our letter to the class telling of Don's passing. Probably many of you received the poem. I'd like to present it here for all to see.

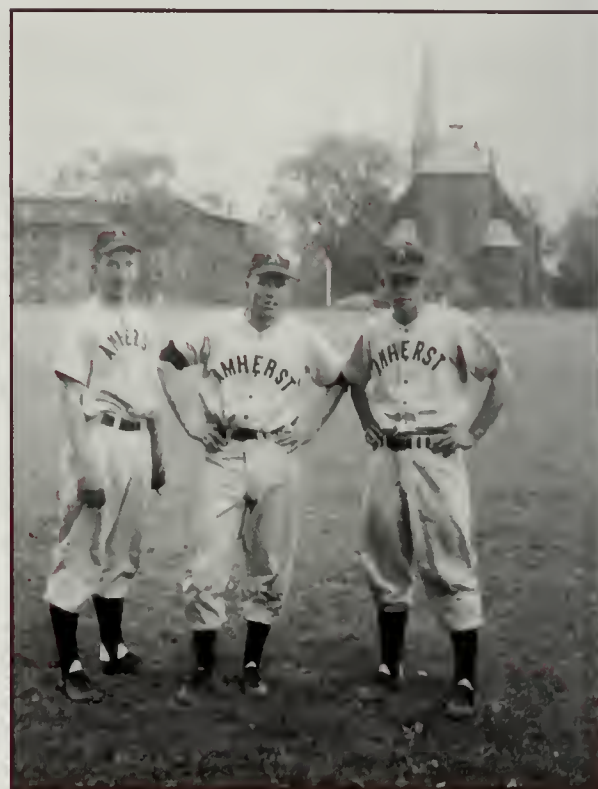
I'd like the memory of me to be a
Happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of
Smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering
Softly down the ways.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve
To dry before the sun

Happy memories I'd like to leave
When my life is done.



Amherst Baseball team at Wesleyan May 24,
1952. Bob Dickerman '50,
Tommy Zins '50 and Ash Eames '49

Let's end on a lighter and happier note. The beginning of spring training for major league baseball continues to excite the "little boy" I'll always think I am. **Bob Comey** and I enlivened our days at GDA with endless verbal duels centered on the Indians and the Red Sox, with the Yankees always casting an ominous shadow. We still maintain those duels, complete with recollections of what was and what might have been. Spring training has just begun. Every team can dream of winning. Let's all be boys again.

Donald Blodgett was a very quiet guy at GDA, but his mind apparently never stopped seeking, acquiring. He was not a great "jock" but he was a wonderful friend with a great attitude toward his classmates, his school and his family. As I said he was no jock, but he was a great competitor with an incisive mind. He put together a conglomerate and met the challenges of day to day management of the business he put together.

David Bailey reports: "Is Martin Howard still among the missing, Class of '50? Martin, I recall, was quite proud of his hometown, often introducing himself as "Martin Howard from Portland, Oregon." While visiting Oregon last fall, I found a Martin Howard at 3918 S.W. Huber,



Calvine and Charlie Bowen '50 celebrating their 70th birthdays with their 2 daughters and son-in-law, 6 grandchildren, ages 8-16 on cruise of Inside Passage from Prince Rupert, BC Canada to Juneau Alaska August 02

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I951

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I know there was more news out there from the great Class of '51, but I guess I should have offered another prize to encourage the sharing thereof.

I did hear from **George McGregor**, as I am sure all of the class did, and I hope all respond generously!

Bob Morse reports he has retired from cardiology, but is still sailing a lot. His sailing exploits continue with two trips across the Atlantic and another two to the Caribbean, also around Newfoundland and up the Labrador. He hopes to hear sea stories from others.

George Kirkham and wife are in Colorado for the winter. He reports that when sitting under a tree looking for elk when he saw a mountain lion walk by "reminded me of some of my classmates." Is that a compliment? We are still trying to have a summer reunion on Block Island.

I952

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Now, come on! I know you are all out there, because I can hear you all breathing. Let us know whether you are in this life or the afterlife, what you are all up to in the great state of retirement, because we care for each other and want news of us all. Be prompt the next time the post card arrives because Sabu wants to treat us all at the "Grog" in the "Port"!

Rib Smythe reports: "My wife Peggy enjoyed watching **Frank Huntress, Barry Gately** and **Rib Smythe** cheering on this year's football team. Will be coming down to GDA for home wrestling matches. Gately wants me to see the hockey team. Best to all."

Larry Sawyer says: "Frank, you are very 'reassuring' (as usual) in the fact that we are not 'alone' in getting to the age of 70. I just reached that 'experienced' state. We all continue to count our blessings with such fond memories of GDA among them. Barb and I are looking forward to our new granddaughter in April. We just recently returned from a three-week visit to Bluffton/Hilton Head, SC. It was nice to look at alligators

instead of snow – 20 inches Christmas Day and 15 more just after New Year's. A fond good year with hopes of better financial/market times to my awesome classmates."

Sabu reports: "I just got back from the Tabor hockey tournament. GDA placed third. Along the way they beat Milton (the Milti Birds) 6-2. On the 15th basketball against St. Andrews here in Barrington. I head off to Newburyport for the football banquet. Busy, busy, busy. P.S. I really enjoyed your stories of the Phantom. What happened, where is he? Alive I hope."

Ed Carter says: "Great time at the Reunion swapping lies with classmates of 50 years ago. Wonderful that Sabu was recognized as Alum of the Year. Married Kim Bateman in York, Maine on July 27th with son Michael as best man and four grandchildren as ushers. Evidently the reunion didn't scare Kim away! Hope to split the year between our home in Arizona and the coast of Maine."

Fred Smith reports: "Celebrated my 70th surrounded by grandkids (10), mariachi band and too much Tequila. Five grown Smiths are stacked out in Moscow, Hong Kong, Mass and Texas, so the sun never sets on us. With 45 years of marriage to a wonderful woman, I am optimistic for the future. All my best wishes to the '52's."

Howard Quimby says: "Having taken my children to Disney World three times, I am now preparing to take my grandchildren in March. I don't know if this will make me feel any younger, but I think I am looking forward to it as much as the children. The railroad is continuing to expand. We are now operating on 70 miles of track and in the next few years hope to expand that to 130 miles. From Utica, NY to Lake Placid, NY."

Noble Smith reports: "I guess I am one of the few who has not retired, far from it. Noble Smith Associates, the management and development consulting firm, has now been in operation for nearly 25 years and has turned most of its attention to environmentally sensitive for-profit and non-profit organizations. On one of our frequent business and pleasure trips to Maine, Bertie and I drove through the GDA campus and I almost got lost. I could not even find the marsh where I started my life-long interest in bird watching. We are leaving for Maine, again

next week, since we now hope to buy that home on the water and there is a great plethora of possible opportunities available. We have slowed down a slight bit for we have closed our herb and perennial retail farm on Pennsylvania property and just grow and landscape for a few close clients and friends. The great benefit, however, as we get a little older, is the more leisurely enjoyment of thousands of plants that we have put in the ground over the past 10 years. On the more domestic side and between our six children (adults), we have 12 grandchildren with one daughter still searching for that right person. Except for one daughter and family living in Australia, the others live within four hours drive and we enjoy the frequent visits to and from, although it is a wonderful (and deserved) feeling to wave goodbye. I marvel at your dogged persistence to keep the Class of '52 alive for we are now 'old-timers'."

Don Rice reports: "Attended Buster's 90th birthday party at GDA – really enjoyed seeing and chatting with him; also **Jack Deering '47** and **Herb Hodos '56**. My wife and I are enjoying South Carolina in the winter and Lake Sunapee, NH in the summer. Busy with our extended family – eight kids and eight grandchildren."

Guy Tudor reports: "Just returned from my fifth ornithological trip to Brazil, where we recorded quite a few rare species in state of Rio and Minas Gerais. Brazil remains my favorite country – the friendliest people, terrific food, and the beautiful girls! (Well, I can still look, can't I?) In March, traveled to Belize on the Yucatan Peninsula: although small, another nice country – unspoiled beaches and reefs, protected forest in interior and English spoken – recommended to all for short visit. Also, a butterfly excursion to Oregon and N. Rockies in July – unexpectedly, enjoyed Yellowstone immensely, where we spotted both Grizzly and wolves. Keeping busy with several book projects, which may see light of day in a year or so. My best to all."

1953

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Bob Abbott '54 with elk in Canada, September 2002

Phil Smith reports: "While visiting their son, Patrick, a third year Morehead scholar at UNC and raising serious money for GDA, Marty and Patty Doggett were our guests, as were a few other GDA folks from the area, for a small reception. Marty gave a very enthusiastic and positive report about the school – things have never been so good. Our guests were Sally and **Bob Comey '50**, Susan and **Ross Raymond '68**, **Konrad Schoen '74** and Michelle Orvis from the development office. I hope many of the Class of '53 are on the campus the weekend of June 13th to see and hear firsthand just what a wonderful place it is. Of course, we all know that, but it is well to have it confirmed. Besides, we will all have a wonderful time!"

Arthur Bartlett is retired and ensconced in the lost Sierra, north of Lake Tahoe in CA. "Nancy and I are situated at 5000 feet on the bank of the Middle Fork of the Feather River, a national scenic wild river. Playing golf at six surrounding courses. Will exchange houses with **Bill Pinkham** for couple of weeks – are others willing?"

1954

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Dick Michelson writes that he continues to enjoy living in the "great northwest" – climbing and sailing. Dick travels about a third of the year, and last year he visited more than a dozen countries in eastern and central Europe. This winter, Dick will head for Japan for a month's skiing. **Stu Miller** sent along three photos of his gaffing and landing some large creatures from the deep. One such creature appeared bigger than Stu himself. He also writes that he's still working, still obviously fishing, has taken up golf, still has two grandchildren, and spends three months a year in Florida. **Your Class Secretary** spent Christmas and New Year's with his family in Rome and Pompeii. The sights were great – the dollar was terrible! It seems that most of the continental Europeans oppose any US military activities in Iraq, and the depth and breadth of anti-US feeling is pretty strong in Europe.

Howie Clarke dropped a line to say that Ann and he will be traveling to China this April, visiting Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong as well as taking a nice day cruise on the Yangtze River. Afterwards, they will revisit their old haunts in Taipei where they lived in 1959 and 1960 while Howie was doing hush-hush stuff for the US Navy. With all this Sino activity, Howie claims he's brushing up on his Chinese, no doubt to enhance his bargaining skills.

Tom Larsen writes that he closed the



Dick Micheleson '54

famous Pillar House in June of 2001 and is now thoroughly enjoying retirement, adding that he doesn't know how he found time to work! Retirement must be nice.

Dodd Miles pens a note saying he will be at the 50th if still kicking. He hopes - as do we all - that many others from the Class attend this important milestone (pun sup-



plied by your Class Secretary.)

John Moyer reported that he now has five grandchildren and extended best holiday wishes to all the Class.

Fulton Yancy expressed his frustration with the ongoing strife in his native Liberia and hopes that he can return home in the not too distant future.

Dave Ellis sent along a nice letter about his recent retirement as President and Director of Boston's Museum of Science.

He writes that he and his wife, Marion, were indeed fortunate to be part of the Museum family for more than 12 years and to have traveled extensively here and abroad on Museum affairs. Dave's three daughters are married and by May, Marion and Dave will have six grandchildren. To keep busy in their "retirement" years, Marion and Dave are building a new home in Newmarket, New Hampshire, close enough to be near two of their daughters (the third living near Milan, Italy) and not very far from Boston where they also have a condominium.

I955

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Dave Brainerd reports he is recovering nicely from a "small" stroke. He was going to Florida to get out of this winter's cold. He would like to get e-mail at dbrain@attbi.com. **Don Hicks** and his wife



Stu Miller '54

now have seven grandchildren. Last July they became the grandparents of triplets who live only a few blocks away. The other four grandchildren live right next door. Last fall, the Hicks took a three-week trip to Turkey. In January **Rick** and **Bobette Sears** visited for lunch. **Peter Littlefield** says he has three grandsons and another on the way. "Karen and I just returned from a great five-week trip to Australia and New Zealand."

I956

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Jim Dean reports: "Wife retired from church work in Sept. Oct., two-week trip to Italy. Son Bart competed in the Iron man triathlon in Clermont, FL. Son's wife Lisa is expecting her first child. He plans to write up all the happenings of the UK reunion for the fall Archon. Compliments to **Tony Miller** and **John Wilson** for their organizational work on the Reunion. The list of travelers to the UK is still being established as of this date."

Steve Bartow phoned that he was leaving January 26 for Spain. The weather at his place in the Florida Keys is too cold at 50 degrees. **Bob Conklin** emailed that he could not make the reunion in the UK. 2002 had taken him to Morocco and Italy. He was also needing to make some changes in his business. **Don Dunsford** has been working hard with his real estate business and the car dealership. Business is slack. He has been enjoying time with his nieces from Santa Rosa.

Gordon MacVean wants classmates to know that he has an address change: 300 North Woodland Road, Apt. 2B, Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

Joe MacLeod writes that the last of his three boys is married and his first grandson has arrived. Sailing and partying in South Dartmouth last summer was wonderful.

Tony Miller is proud to announce that the first reunion ever of GDA grads in the UK will be taking place this spring. The group will be visiting his old school and the Cotswolds.

I957

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Gale French is retired after 37 years in the Air Force living on the water in Belfast, Maine.

Hardy Bedford writes: "Our three kids surprised Sharon and me with a carriage ride and champagne around Chicago for our

38th anniversary. Still living in Michigan where we raised our three children. One married with two beautiful daughters and the other two single and living in, and loving Chicago. I sold the marina that my brother and I owned for 27 years. I now run a marine service department for someone else while Sharon is a reading specialist in a nearby school system. She also runs a high-end catering business in her spare time. Probably retire in a couple of years Lord willing and the creek don't rise. Used to see **Wally Herrick** occasionally at our summer place up north, but haven't made contact lately. My best to the class of '57. May make a reunion one of these days."

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45th Class Reunion June 13, 14, 15 2003

Harvey Gump Hayden is working very hard on the plans for our 45th Reunion back at South Byfield on June 13, 14 and 15, 2003. Plans are shaping up for a great time and all classmates are urged to make every reasonable effort to attend. I am told that the Class of 1958 is the fittest, most handsome, and youngest-appearing group of 45th reunioners in the 240-year history of Governor Dummer Academy. Only by showing up at the Reunion for the class photo will we be able to convince members of other classes of that fact.

Max Brace has just retired and has moved back to upstate New York, which should make it convenient for Max to attend our 45th.

Bob Kirkwood also retired and is keeping very busy. He has eight grandkids and is building a cabin in the Sierra Nevadas. Bob remains active in a foundation and several non-profits trying to improve early emotional development for youngsters by improving parenting skills.



Headmaster Emeritus Peter Bragdon with Roy Nash '59 in Naples, Florida

Peter Smith has left San Diego after 37 years and moved to New Mexico where he is working at Los Alamos National Laboratory developing software for computed tomography. He is working on constructing a home in Santa Fe. Peter's wife, Betty, is having some success as a playwright.

Paul Clark is still residing in Reno. He sent along a nice check for the Alumni Fund. **Jim Main** will not be able to attend our 45th, but is anxiously awaiting our 50th and extends his best wishes to all of his classmates. Jim and Claudette last year sailed the West Coast on the new *Star Princess*, a mega-ship which carries 3,100 passengers and later flew to Rome where they experienced traveling on a small six-star vessel for a 20 day cruise in the Mediterranean. Jim and Claudette combine their love of travel with putting together terrific group-tour packages.

Nuff Withington reported that his Yakima Bears lost 22 consecutive games last year, missing the Minor League record by only three games. Therefore, there will be no free hot dogs for the Class of 1958 in Yakima. Nuff visited Cuba last spring and tried to smuggle in a few cigars for the reunion, but was unsuccessful. Nuff is still peddling stocks at Smith Barney and spends his free time watching video tapes of Gump Hayden running his Zamboni down in Tampa.

Mike Dunsford reports that he is still



Peter Bragdon with Jim Foley '59 in frigid Albion, Maine.

hiking, skiing, bicycling, and otherwise enjoying Tahoe's seasonal recreation. Mike still enjoys the terrific wines of the Rombauer Vineyards of Napa Valley, which are owned by his daughter's in-laws.

Tom Grose is still spending summers in Christmas Cove, Maine and the rest of the year in London. He has a daughter living in Singapore and a son heading off to New Zealand for a year of study. He is hoping to be in South Byfield for the Reunion if he can work it into his schedule. He still remembers waking up at 5:00 a.m. for early morning hockey practice in the days before we had indoor rinks. Tom expressed some interest in the position of Class Secretary, but is unwilling at this point to make a commitment.

Richard Morse is now living in Avon Park, Florida having retired from his many years at the Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. After 32 years of devoted service, he is still work-

ing on behalf of the World Gospel Mission and Tenwek Hospital at various conferences and church meetings throughout the country. His son, Rick, is carrying on the family tradition of combining medical services with religious outreach in Africa. If any classmates can help Harvey Hayden with the reunion planning, you may email him at harvhayden@earthlink.net. We hope to see you in South Byfield in June.

1959

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Charlie Langmaid writes that he is still enjoying retirement and family and friends by cycling between Vail, Boothbay Harbor, Hood River, OR, and Maui. Not all in one week, I, hope.

Walter Cannon informs us that his son Chris is a Marine pilot on board the USS Constellation in the Persian Gulf. The cost of living in Palo Alto is so high that it is very difficult to hire new physicians. Both he and Irene would like to retire but they are both hard to replace.

Peter Sherin says that he hopes he is the last of the class to go through college admissions with their child. Although his son is happily off to the University of Pennsylvania next fall, the process these days is truly punishing. As with Little League, there are just too many adults around turning an exciting time for the kids into a painful one.

Jim Foley writes from Maine that "all is well here. Have been out in my new snowmobile a couple of times and it is awesome! Got a job at Camp Caribou five miles down the road - I'm going to be the director of the rifle range June through August. Lost a goose to a coyote."

Bob Pouch tells us that he ran into **Harvey Hayden '58** because they both have places in Bonita Springs, FL. **Ferg Jansen** was in Prague during mid-December. He sent me a beautiful picture of Christmas lights in downtown Prague. He writes: "GDA just gets better! Attended the Career Day yesterday and great to see **Jim Deveney '60**, Mike Moonves and others. I brought my running stuff in case **Huntress** showed up; but I guess the cold,

beautiful snow and challenge from a much younger person scared him away. Doing three new places for clients now and helping others stay in business." Ferg consults for clubs, restaurants and hotels as TYEE Management.

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I must confess that I have been somewhat remiss with my class notes lately. In my "interim" position as principal of Newburyport High School for the past year and-a-half I have been buried with construction issues while running the school. If you are in the neighborhood, I invite you to drop by the new high school. It is really state-of-the-art with an aerobics room, a new gym, a new library, over 300 computers, a music tech lab, an engineering lab with CNC lathe, a writing computer lab, a foreign language digital lab, an art computer lab, darkroom, a distance learning lab, TV production studio, and the list goes on. It is a very special school and I feel fortunate to have been part of the development of the renovated building. This is my second renovated school project. 'Retirement' for the past year-and-a-half has been good! Now I've got to find something to do next fall. Any suggestions? The rest of my family has been very busy also. My daughter, **Erin Rich '92**, had a baby boy, Aidan, last May. She still continues to work in the area as an occupational therapist. My oldest son, Che, is a systems project manager for Manulife Financial in Boston. My second son, Kane, is still designing and developing sophisticated automated sign painting machines. I am impressed with his risk taking as this project is still in the development stage as he works with a partner in Columbus, Ohio and regularly travels between Newburyport and Ohio. Our youngest, Jonathan, is slated to graduate from Westfield State this May and recently became engaged. And, my wife continues to work in the special education field and enjoy our new grandson. In my lapse of sending notes to GDA, I am not sure how old some of the following news is from classmates, but I will share what I have and my apologies if the news is outdated. What



Top; Headmaster Emeritus Peter Bragdon in Florida with Harvey Hayden '58 and his Zamboni.

Middle; Jim Deveney '60 about to get a ride on the Zamboni.

Bottom; Peter Bragdon getting a ride from Harvey Hayden '58

do you expect from a "dayboy" anyway? And, Byfield one at that!

Carl Youngman writes that he and Joan continue to work and marvel at the number of classmates who have successfully retired. Carl and Joan are pleased that both of their children ("after a worldwide search") have found jobs back in Boston. Carl also reports that the "GDA campus never looked better." **Duke Morton** is one of those successful retirees that Carl mentions. Duke lives on Cape Cod while his son, Rob, lives in New York with his wife, Gwen. Daughter, Wendy, lives in or is it on Nantucket where she and her husband, Randy run a book store and beer business. Interesting combination! Have a beer while you read a book!!! In addition they have two children, Evelyn, 6 and Owen, 2.

Walcott Hamilton has retired from Prudential Bank. He writes that he is "now looking for the next good thing. Bought a lottery ticket...but didn't win - bummer." Walcott...try buying a second. Bank people are so conservative, unless they are playing with someone else's money.

Brad Conant's oldest daughter presented them with their second grandchild, Natalie Rose, and living in the next town. Boy ... two grandchildren... you must be a lot older than me, Brad. Yeah ... I know ... Byfield dayboy logic!

Greg Myer signs on from West Florida with the news that temperatures are back to normal... 80 - 90 degrees. Greg's and Joan's son, Bryce, is now 5 and in pre-k. I always feel better when I hear from Greg. I can always send the grandchild home. Joan is running a home rental management company while Greg is remodeling their three rental homes.

Dick Henry has retired from his architecture company and is splitting his time between Pottstown, PA, where his wife Anne is the Assistant Headmaster for Academics at The Hill School, and their retreat in South Carolina. Dick is looking to do some consulting work out of Charleston. The entire Henry family gathered for Christmas at Mountain View, California where daughter Marion is a resident in surgery at Stanford.

Jim Deveney remains active in GDA affairs as president of the GDA Alumni Council. Jim is also taking photography les-

sons from one of my former students. Now Jim is the ultimate retiree as he has been retired for a number of years. I hear that his golf game is still good with a handicap close to scratch!

Bill Tuxbury emailed me back in September and reported that everything is well. Bill's wife, Edie, is still working in middle school and is getting an education with unions and the cost of special needs. Their youngest, Susan, is an environmental scientist for a Texas firm after completing her Master's at Florida Atlantic. Their oldest daughter, Kathy, is in her second year of Tufts Veterinary School. Bill completed an interim CEO position for a Japanese-owned high tech firm in Rhode Island and is now back in marketing mode. Interim CEO...interim principal...uummhh! Bill and Edie have taken up kayaking and find it easy to do and relaxing. Maybe I should take up kayaking. Definitely would be cheaper than snowmobiling. But, I am pleased to report that again this season I was able to do 100 mph on snowmobile. That's the good news. The bad news is that the motor blew up at the same time. Oh well...such is life! During the February vacation we are off to Canada for relaxing hotel life with all the amenities and amazing riding.

Hey, my time is up, thanks for yours. The porch light is still on for you!

I961

*Class of 1961
Secretary needed*

Peter Boynton reports: "I'm enjoying being a grandfather X4, with two more on the way. Still with HQ staff of Senior Corps at the Corporation for National and Community Service, where I'm helping meet President Bush's goal of enrolling 100,000 new "senior" volunteers - yes, you are all eligible! - by Sept. 2003. Visit www.seniorcorps.org for more info." **Dick Snowdon** says: "Daughter Ashley (Stanford '98) is in Master's of Public Admin. Program at Berkeley. Alexander is playing lacrosse in Washington youth league on team I'm coaching."



John Tarbell '62

I962

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For the past month I was diligently building my class notes for the next edition of the Archon in a special file on my computer. Today as I was about to send in my copy when my computer crashed. This is my Silicon Valley excuse. Pretty low tech, I am afraid. Since I am relying only on my memory, which I am afraid is being taxed to the ultimate today, my news may not be complete. My high points are that I have heard from **John Tarbell, Ted Moore, Bill McPhee, Mac Donaldson, Ed Kleven, Jim Gordon and Bob MacLaughlin.**

Bob MacLaughlin and his wife, Kit, don't seem to slow down much. Bob ran the Bar Harbor Marathon on Mount Desert Island in Maine in October. His recounting of the experience was a trial in patience, courage and just plain guts. Bob and his bride continue to paddle in all kinds of weather. I would imagine that this season has

them trading in their kayaks for cross country skis to keep them in shape.

Mac Donaldson signed in with the realization that he is working as hard if not harder now than when he was in his first career. Mac, as I recall, is making wooden boats near Byfield. One theme that seems to resonate with many of you is the pleasure you are getting out of your grandparent role. Is this true? **John Tarbell** certainly deserves very special commendation for having attained his Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. Not to be out done, John is now pursuing the next level, Second Degree Black Belt! John's stories of trying to stay competitive with all the young bucks at his DoJo. John is certainly making a go of it. Congratulations.

Ted Moore has been staying in touch with a few of you which is what this alumni process is all about. Keep your letters heading "North to Alaska". I am aware that Ted and Ginny always seem to find time to escape to the sun each year. Perhaps we will have more to report on where they went this year to escape the Winter darkness.

Ed Kleven checked in that he was headed to Arizona one more time for spring training.

Jim Gordon has been keeping me informed on the Marine perspective with this crazy world we live in vis-a-vis Iraq. Having had a less than positive personal outcome from the Vietnam War, I am afraid that I am holding out hope that our diplomatic efforts can come up with a positive solution to this situation. I have been pursuing a new adventure in recent months. I have been working with my godson in San Francisco with his new venture called STX Lacrosse Camps. The company can be accessed on the web at www.laxcamps.com. If any of you recall my days as a lacrosse goalie over 40 years ago, it's really just tapping into a childhood passion. Check out the website and let me know if one of your grandchildren might have any interest. It is open to kids, ages 8-14; boys and girls as well as camps in field hockey for girls. It is bound to keep me young. I promise a more comprehensive new issue when I am back on line next time. I am headed to the cold, snowy weather of the NE this week. I will have a full report of New York and New Jersey in February. I am pretty spoiled out here in California.

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40th Class Reunion June 13, 14, 15 2003



Robert Fullerton '63

News of a great honor for **Ran Langenback**! He has been awarded a prestigious "Rome Prize" fellowship from the American Academy in Rome, and will be in residence in Rome for all of this year. You can reach Ran at www.aarome.org. This is one of the most sought-after academic fellowships and is a wonderful acknowledgment of Ran's distinction as an architectural historian. Few classmates could possibly be as multi-talented as **Forbes Farmer**. He has stepped aside from his position as Behavioral Science Division Chair, an elected post he has held for 20 years at Franklin Pierce College.

Forbes writes: "Now in my free moments away from teaching and publishing a few new articles, I've been busy writing a one-act musicals (narrative and lyrics are done, just need someone to compose the music)." Anyone want to volunteer to write music for Forbes? He has also embarked on a career as a metal sculptor and has been invited to do an autobiographical piece for the Jaffrey Civic Center. You can reach Forbes at www.guidingowl@prexar.com. I am honored to be president-elect of the Association of Art Museum Directors, an organization representing the interests and fostering community service among art museums in North America.

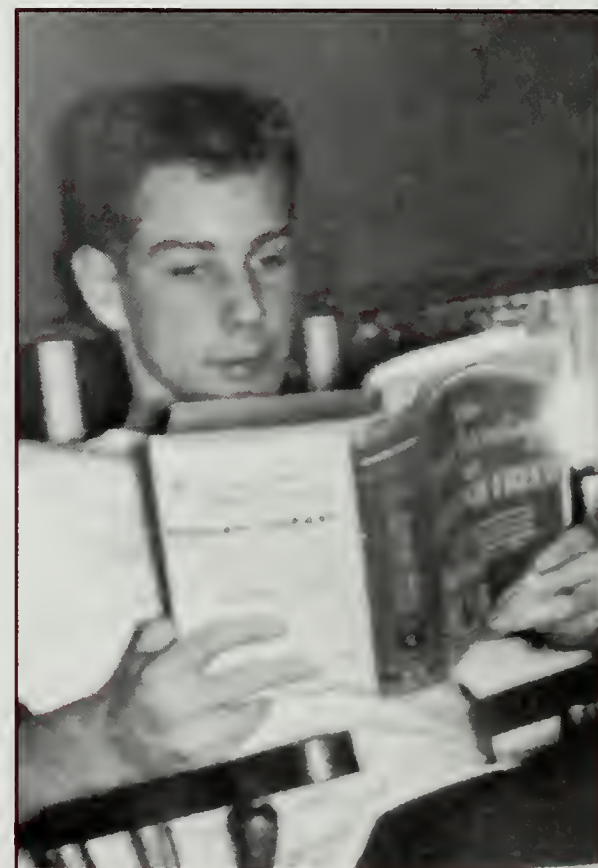
I was happy to hear from **Bill Sloane**,

who reports, "I am still enjoying work at Northeastern University, supporting the Cooperative Education Program in the College of Business Administration. It is wonderful to have my daughter Lucia, on campus too, studying physical therapy." Bill looks forward to being at the Reunion.

Don Connelly remarked on two items of note: "On 12/02/02, my second grandson was born. His name is Ben. His older brother, Nate, is now 20 months old. And, March, 2003 will mark my 15th anniversary with Putnam."

Bobby Mann also wrote with kind words and holiday greetings. Someone not heard from was **Bob Taylor**. Apparently GDA's address list is not up-to-date for Bob. Let the school know if you are in touch with him. I am hanging up my cleats as class scribe. I have enjoyed it and am sure my successor will. Of all the perks, I think my favorite was flying to Europe and Africa with **Bob Mann** in his G5 Gulfstream. The lavish entertainment in Byfield is a close second. Everyone ought to consider a turn at this plush position.

Finally, don't forget our 40th, June 13, 14, 15. Reunion Alert! The Reunion is June 13, 14 and 15, with registration beginning at 3 p.m. on the 13th and checkout at 11 a.m. on the 15th. Let Jim Bride at GDA (jbride@gda.org) know if you are willing to lead out class's get-together.



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Tom Maier reports that he's still in California teaching and coaching boys' varsity basketball at Redondo Union High School in Redondo Beach, living in Palos Verdes and working at the "Beach". With three kids in college, he says that he and Janice exist to pay the bills. Now switching from the beach to the tundra, **Rocke Robertson**, answering my letter soliciting these notes, e-mailed as follows: "First let me congratulate Lou on a very entertaining description of his life in the country. I can relate, although rather than plow (snow. Ed.) I blow (it. Ed.). Yes, I know I'm inviting ridicule, but I don't care. Unfortunately, we have little snow so far, but the weekend brings more empty promises from the weather service. When there is snow, we spend a lot of time cross-country skiing, which is much nicer than downhill in this area. We usually go west for downhill. When there's not too much snow, and even when there is, I've become severely addicted to running, and am planning to do two half marathons (Feb. and May) this year, as I did last year. I'd love to hear from anyone else who is into this somewhat curious activity.

We have just returned from Dominica (NOT the Dom. Republic) which is a very undeveloped Caribbean island in the lesser Antilles. We experienced fabulous natural beauty (mountains, reefs, waterfalls, rainforest) and a curious mix of poverty, basic middle-of-the-road lifestyle, and a sprinkling of the fabulously wealthy. The driving is nuts. You drive on the left side of the road, which is just wide enough to let two small Japanese vehicles pass each other (that's the main road). All the bridges are one lane only. Curves, which comprise about 50% of the

roadway, are usually 180 degrees with a fifty foot diameter. There are cliffs on one side and falling rocks on the other. It is legal to drink and drive, but not to drive drunk.

Due to the complete lack of police presence on the road, nobody ever knows who is drunk and who is not. People are very outgoing and friendly to tourists, and we encountered no hostility or obvious crime, although it does exist as one would expect. Health care is all user pay, and very rudimentary. I came back with great appreciation for what we have, as imperfect as it is. I think our children felt the same way. Other than that, life goes on.

Barbara and I remain happily married. Alec hopes to gain entrance to a university this spring, and our daughter Anna (11) is musical, artistic and athletic. We are blessed."

Thanks, **Rocke**. Good update. Wish that the rest of the class was as responsive. I enclose Rocke's address so that those of you doing half-marathons can contact him directly. A. Rocke Robertson, MD FRCPC FCAP, Department of Laboratory Medicine, Royal Victoria Hospital, 201 Georgian Drive, Barrie, Ont. L4M 6M2, Canada, Tel: 705 728-9090 ext. 4740, Fax: 705 739-5685, email: Robertsona@rvh.on.ca.

Speaking miscellaneously, **John Mercer** went to Russia to visit **Martha** '95 over Christmas. And I'm going on safari to East Africa with my daughter over her spring break. We'll be tenting, but in style, supposedly. So far the only thing I've done to get ready is buy a couple of rubber snakes with which to keep her humble.

Finally, I received a nice letter from **Terry Golden** on Beach Knoll Inn letterhead. He's still inn keeping with wife Diane and "...once or twice a year gets to speak to, dine, or watch a game with **Don Balser** and **Jay Cooke**. We don't accomplish much, but it's nice to know I mean something to them and vice-versa!

That is the reason I hope as many of our classmates as possible show up for our 40th Reunion. I remember fondly the 25th when everyone came to Rockport. It was nice just being in the same moment with so many who were condemned to grow up with me."

Am I alone in thinking this sounds like an invitation? And should Terry be our reunion chairman? Let me know.

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Our collective gratitude goes out to the following trio of classmates who were kind enough to jot down their recent activities. As you read this, I hope you all are embarking on a most pleasant summer that will provide ample material to report on come the fall. Great to hear from our compadre from the Maritimes, **Keith Kingsbury**. In his own words: "I've retired after 30 years of teaching Chemistry to grades 11 and 12. My wife, Debby, will continue to work another five years before she retires. I'm undertaking a timber-frame sun room, starting with hewing the logs to match our 150-year-old house. More trout fishing is a definite must do. My painting hobby will be rekindled after a 30-year hiatus. I continue to run every other day resulting in a 10-20 mile week. Two of my boys are models in the Asian market. My other boy is working for an environmental company in Nova Scotia. Plan a visit to Nova Scotia; I'd love to see you. KeithKingsbury@Yahoo.com." Congratulations, Keith, on your well-earned retirement and all of your family's many achievements! May other Classmates be inspired by such self-disclosure!

A most welcome update from **Peter Sargent**: "Very busy here as usual. I spent '01-'02 on sabbatical at University College London being an over-the-hill post-doc again. It was great to do science 100% of the time. Reminds me of why one is in Science. Enjoyed the London pub scene very much: tried to visit 1% of the approximately 5,000 pubs in London. Almost successful (n = 43)! Will have to return to finish the job." Now here's a neuroscientist who has his priorities intact! Many thanks Pete!

More Photographs!

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Fellow Santa Barbarian **Craig Johnson** chimes in with some exhilarating news: "Judy and I are 'expecting' a son this coming August!" Wow! Now that's a show-stopper! Best of luck to you three! Craig and I were recently treated to a gracious luncheon with GDA's Director of Alumni/ac and Parent Relations Jim Bride who was in town last month thawing out from the wintry blasts of Byfield. He promises to include Headmaster Doggett in a similar visit next winter. We welcome the prospect of such a visitation!

On a personal note, and definitely in the tempus fugit department, as of this summer I will have been doing vision research at UC Santa Barbara for 30 (count 'em) years! Grateful for a fine, albeit simple life here in Santa Barbara. Fun to have Craig and Judy close by. Research goes well, and I have a handsome new basenji pup who is more than holding his own at the Shows! All the best to each of you. Catch you again in the fall. N.B. We are to convene again in Byfield in two years for our (egads!) 40th. Mark those calendars now!

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The Class of '66 is still keeping secret what it is up to. What ARE you guys doing out there? Does everyone work for some secret government agency? I know that **David Holmes** doesn't. He sent me a post card saying that he is still coaching soccer at Western Kentucky University. He says it's great to be doing a job that he loves – and challenging to be at the NCAA Division 1 level! Go David (and Western Kentucky!). He and his wife Sharon have two teenage boys Alex (15) and Brian (14) – and some of the rest of us have been THERE! **Scott Emerson** sent in a change of address – does this portend a new job? A life-style change? We may never know – how's about some info, Scott? I recently returned from the big folk dance weekend in Saratoga Springs, NY (The Dance Flurry). Were any of you guys amongst the graying and balding dance crowd?? What does **Tom Hildreth** put into his Carrabassett Coffees? **Tim Keeney** wrote to say that he is back in Washington, DC, and working as Deputy Assistant



Harper Follansbee Jr. '67 and wife Harriet Borriello with 2-year-old son Harper Craze Follansbee last summer on their back porch. Photo taken by Pete Follansbee '72

Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere (NOAA). NOAA works on such issues as coral reef conservation, invasive species, aquaculture and new technology for the National Weather Service. They also support that amazing system of national estuarine research reserves. His wife, Meg, and all five children are doing well. He can be reached at Tim.Keeney@noaa.gov.

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There are two new grandsons in **Jeff Harris'** life. Before they arrived, he did some fishing and golfing in Cabo San Lucas.

No tropics for **Bill Dougherty**. He saw more darkness than daylight on a trip to Russia, but he had a wonderful experience and was joined by all four of his kids. His oldest, William, lives in Samara, southeast of Moscow, and the others flew in from England, China, and the U.S. Stanford has reelected **Robert Bass** to its board of trustees. He already had served on that board, putting in four years as chair, and had

rotated off. In addition, Robert is chairing the Stanford Management Company, which manages the university's endowment. But he is not ignoring what some might call "the Stanford of the East;" he and Anne have endowed a pair of Harvard professorships. Their four kids are almost as far-flung as the Doughertys: California, South America, New Haven, and Washington, DC. Another Texan, **Ted Dix**, is excited about some new data in his research into the behavior of depressed mothers and their one-year-olds. He also is pleased that he's got a good new crop of grad students and that he's finally been able to put daughter Emily on a horse of her own.

The first of **Mick Doolittle's** three daughters has just graduated from Hood College, while the other two are doing well at Wake Forest and Washington & Lee. We also have daughter news from the University of Michigan, where **Don Gay's** third child, Candace, was named Academic All-Big Ten in volleyball. The team spent two weeks in Eastern Europe recently. After a couple of years studying and teaching at Harvard and Clark, **Andy Rimmington** is preparing to head back to Vancouver. He plans to continue teaching. Now that **Ward Westhafer** is

back in New England, he was able to join **Wayne Noel** to watch some of the pro football playoffs. Wayne's daughter Stacy has completed half of her graduate program, while Ward's daughter Liz, 15, got her first look at snow.

Win Burt went to Washington in January for the big march protesting the plan to send U.S. troops into Iraq.

Stanley Greenberg's daughter Forest is finishing up at Brandeis and spent a semester of her senior year in Kenya conducting wildlife research.

Roger Block is combining his IT and health care experience in a job at Perot Systems that has him working on a big system migration for his former employer, Tufts-New England Medical Center. He and Amy are eager to embark on another long sailing trip. Details are unclear at the moment. While in the Northwest to see daughter Amanda graduate from Reed College, **Paul Hemmerich** headed for the summit of Mount Rainier. He and **Ray Huard** are gearing up for another shot at a 100-mile bike trip in central Vermont this summer.

Chuck Davis is getting some exercise, too. He and his family took a December trip to Chile (the second in two years), where they hiked in the Patagonia and sailed near the Magellan Straits. Chuck welcomes the opportunity to use some of what he learned from Percy Rogers.

Lew Rumford rang in the new year in London. His eldest, Julia, was accepted early by Vanderbilt. Those of you trying to sneak foreign insects and fruit through customs at Logan Airport are in trouble: **Andy Creed** has been put back into agricultural quarantine work there. While his wife was back home shoveling snow, **Dan Morgan** was in Shanghai playing table hockey and trying to sell heavy equipment, thus maintaining his perfect record of missing every big snowstorm since entering the sales world. He got by Andy at U.S. Customs.

Larry Miller drove his 15-year-old nephew to Lake Placid so he could continue training in hopes of making the Olympic luge team. Speaking of football lettermen,

Jay Ryder reports that his oldest has graduated from Ithaca College and is working in Beantown. Another child is at Union College, while the twins are at Tabor. Save

the Children sent **David Marsh** back to Vietnam for a second tour of duty, this time to improve breastfeeding practices among minority communities in the former DMZ.

Don Congdon has survived another Granite State winter and is looking forward to some warm-weather driving in his Camaro. No word yet on who will win his support in the New Hampshire primary campaign, now in almost full swing.

Another of the Durham Three, **Rich Brayton**, hooked up with **Lew Rumford** and **Ben Beach** during a trip to the nation's capital and plans to be at Fire Island in July. **Sid Bird** is eager to use his water skis, air-chair, 1979 trail bike, and Jeep this summer. **Phil Finn**, **Andrew Nichols**, and families had their traditional Christmas season reunion in Charm City (a/k/a Baltimore). Florida Southern recently awarded a Bachelor's degree to **Rem Clark's** daughter Linsley. His other daughter, Ashley, covers Florida for Nike.

Dick Boucher says classmates are always welcome at his home in Ft. Myers. If only we'd known that back in the winter!

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35th Class Reunion

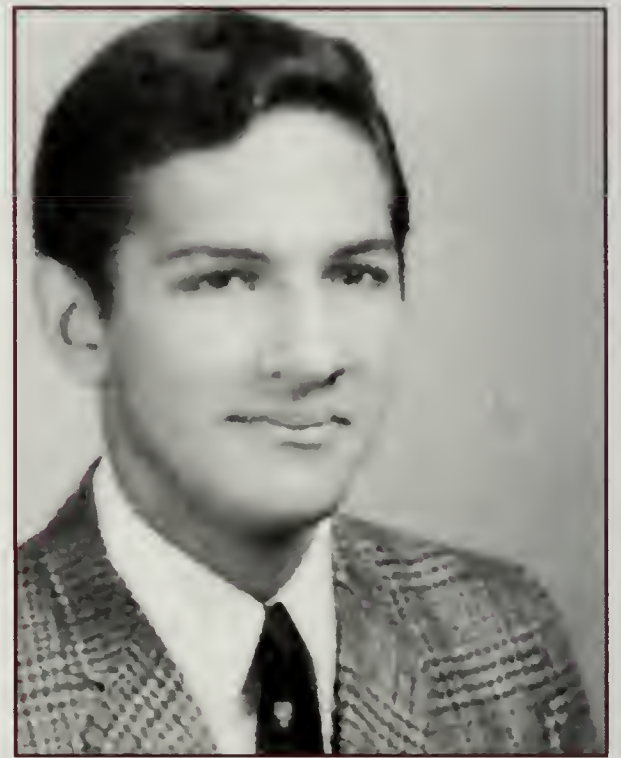
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We are now heading to 35!!! Being 35 seemed far off those many years ago when we were all together. He is the latest from contributing mates.

Art Veasy writes: "Thirty-five years seems like a heck of a long time but I have

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Aristades Arjona '68

been working with **C.F. Spang** and **Marc Tucker** on our upcoming reunion and when we get together in the basement of Phillips and start phoning our classmates it is as if hardly a day has gone by. It is amazing how time has left our GDA friendships unchanged. I am hoping that a lot of us can make it back. On the home front, my daughter Helen is a freshman in high school but looking at and applying to a number of private schools. 11-year-old Bobby is grade five and excels at basketball and baseball. Not exactly a chip off the old block! I'm still at Cambridge Trust (15 years) and would love to see anyone who happens into Harvard Square. Regards, Art."

Charles Johnson is heading to Byfield: "Xmas was really a lot of fun due to Spencer who enjoyed his toys but was quick to remind us 'it's about a baby born in Bethlehem.' He really keeps us centered on what is truly important. Hope the season was fulfilling for one and all. We plan to be at GDA this coming June with Spencer in tow."

The other **Chuck Johnson** wrote a short note from California: "2002 was a very quiet year for our family, but it did see another family milestone reached (no pun intended) when our son Brian announced his engagement over the Thanksgiving holidays. 2003 is promising to be livelier, with another college graduation, a trip to Europe, and Brian moving back to California from

Washington.... But I certainly started the New Year with a challenge; I've been waging a turf war for the past two weeks with some tree rats that invaded our garage. Twenty-two years of co-existing with raccoons, squirrels, possums, wild turkeys, skunks and other wildlife in Sacramento's suburbia has been enjoyable, but the rats crossed the line when they decided to move indoors:-).

A surprise note from **Jay Shay**: "Here's a voice from the past. I enjoy receiving your GDA updates and thought that I should respond and let you know that I'm alive and well."

Marc Tucker is about the only one whom I ever hear from these days, usually at the annual fund time. It's still great to talk to him. I'm living and working in the Bay Area (San Francisco) and trying to play golf whenever possible. I'm married with two girls, one in high school and one in the FIRST grade. I'm off tonight to the annual Brownie Daddy/daughter dance. That might give you a little insight into my life."

Ross Raymond wrote from NC: "Sue and I had the opportunity to meet Marty and Patty Doggett at an alumnus's house here in Chapel Hill during the fall. I was totally impressed; there are really no other words to describe the experience. My consulting business, eSub Solutions, had a great first year by all accounts. I wouldn't trade the satisfaction of working for myself for anything I can imagine. Christopher is 14, doing great in school, and will pick up his tennis in the spring. Adam, now 10, is willing to take less and less grief from his older brother every week and definitely (or is that defiantly?) marches to his own tune. The family will go to Ipswich in July, so I am not sure we will make the June reunion. If I get there it will probably be a solo trip. Hello to Bubba, Tuck, Josh and **Rusty Bolles**."

Dave Mitchell finds 2003 with all well in his family, yet still is looking for new adventures in business. Mitch is planning to be at the reunion in June, urged on by Tucker. My troops are all well. David just got done with a four-month tour with the National Shakespeare Company and is doing *Alice in Wonderland* with the Children's Theater of New York this spring. Sean is back at school and still sports editor in New Haven. Courtney is heading back to nursing school. Business has been a challenge, but still rewarding. The crisis in long-term care has kept us busy. Anne and I are planning to be



Christopher Wyle '70 with family: Patty, Timothy, Melissa, Amy, Lucky and Travis

in Byfield in June. See you there.

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Jack Connelly reports: "My wife Terri and I hooked up with **Billy and Kathie Clyde** in Toledo, OH this summer. Our son, Silas, was on the U-13 Wisconsin State Cup Soccer Championship team, so we were in Toledo for the regional. It was wonderful to see Billy and Kathie and compare notes on how all our kids had been doing since the last time we'd seen them. We're hoping to rendezvous more often (somewhere between Wisconsin and Ohio)."

Fred Lyle writes that he married Margaret Muir on December 27, 2002 in Naples, Florida. They will be living in Madison, CT. Fred works in the New Haven office of Prudential Securities. (That's as close to Yale as he will get!)

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We are all deeply saddened to learn that

Al Gay has passed away. **Henry Eaton** remembers Al on the athletic field and as sidekick with **Joe Lilly '69** and "Sam Deluxe and his Famous Shoes" when they toured the girl's prep school circuit. **Randy Whitney** remembers Al as "always smiling". We will miss him.

Jeb Bradley has been sworn in as Congressman in Washington for his district in New Hampshire. He can be reached at 603-387-2365. He sends his "thanks" to everyone who assisted in his campaign.

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Bryce Kiberd writes that he did not attend last year's 30th reunion. He was on a sabbatical. Bryce reports he is now a full professor in medicine at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, Canada. He is the medical director of the kidney transplantation program for Atlantic Canada. His wife is a nursing professor at the university, as well. They have three children (Matt, James



John Whitney '44, Randy Whitney '70, Buster Navins '31,
Alex Whitney '05
Not Pictured: Catherine '01

and Anne) still in grade school. He continues to run, bike and swim, as well as paint in his free time. He states the family is all doing well.

Bill Connolly reports that he was sorry to miss the 30th reunion, but it was his wife's 25th reunion at college. His eldest, Ruth, started at Princeton last fall, but that leaves three more to go.

Harrison Smith states that once he looks past the painful losses in the stock market, he is able to tell us that life is good. His son is a senior at the University of Oklahoma, his daughter is a junior at the University of Kansas and his youngest daughter is a freshman in high school. He acknowledges he has been blessed with great kids and a great wife for 23 years. He continues his private practice as a clinical psychologist. He still plays some golf on weekends. He hopes all is well with the class of '72.

Cameron (Tunk) Hosmer writes that he is still a vintner (grows grapes and makes wine). He spent the last five winters coaching youth ski racing (alpine). He is enjoying coaching and states it is tons of fun and gets him off the farm. All is well, too.

As for the Durham family, **Geoff Durham** reports work at Allstate has been going very well. I got a new boss and new assignment starting 2/1. During the winter, I am a long-suffering Northwestern University basketball season ticket holder and fan. I am president of my local golf

league in the summer and look forward to the coming of warmer weather to be able to hit the links. Our daughter, Andrea, is now a freshman in high school and doing all the typical high school things – focusing on clothes and boys. She is a good student, however, so it is hard to complain. My wife, Jana, spends her time donating it as the service unit registrar and service unit co-

manager for the Girl Scouts in Libertyville. She is, also, the product sales coordinator for Girl Scout cookie (over 25,000 boxes) and other sales promotions for the service unit.

Keep those cards, letters and e-mails (GDURHAM3@AOL.COM) coming!

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30th Class Reunion

June 13, 14, 15 2003

What a great response I had from our classmates this go-round. I'm not sure if it was the "form letter" or we really are a sentimental lot about our upcoming 30th reunion.

It is indeed a pleasure to report the following news from our classmates: **Chris Baker** (a real hopeless romantic; married to his GDA sweetheart) is having his own GDA reunion a few months early. Evidently he has a client who grew up with **Jeff Haaren** from our class, which then prompted Chris to be in touch with **Jeff Grush** – long story.

He recently talked to "the long lost" **Gordie Thompson** and he promises to drag Gordie to the 30th this June.

Then he ran into **Barry Burlingham '71** and **Gillian Lloyd** (former GDA Admissions Director) at his brother's wedding. The next day he ran into **Ginny George Garland**. Bake, I'm not sure you'll even need to come back in June after this flurry of activity! Just kidding, it wouldn't be the same without you.

Mike Balf writes from Israel that family life and work are fine. His oldest daughter is now an officer in the Israeli army and his second daughter will be drafted in March. Daughter number one is a specialist in education and daughter number two will be in intelligence where she will use her acquired training in Arabic. Mike writes: "It is strange to think that the children of our classmates are in college at the same age our children here are participating in such a different experience." Mike is still principal of the high school there and recently finished his PhD dissertation on Holocaust memory and commemoration in Israel. Wife Rachel continues as a social worker in a hospital in Hadera. As we prepare our students for possible disaster and terrorism, Mike reports that "we have had our gas masks checked and the school is actually beginning to be proficient in pulling off a drill in which we go to bomb shelters. Hopefully, this will all be unnecessary..." Mike, we all join you in that sentiment.

Craig Dowley sends greetings from Hibernian Cruising School in Ireland. He writes that he is sailing, playing tennis and has built a new home. Mary and he are looking forward to our reunion this spring! Craig, this time we'll try not to stay up so late in the French building.....hahaha.

Dolf Haffenreffer reports that daughter **Lindley** graduated from Colgate this past spring, son **Adolf IV** is a sophomore at Conn. College and son **Andrew** is a junior at Portsmouth Abbey. "Wife Lisa and I are enjoying life!"

Michael McDowell's wife was good enough to write to us for her Lancelot from

More Photographs!

Send in your photographs and class notes
to skeyes@gda.org.



Phil Bouchard '73 and Bill O'Leary '73

Camelot, that he is enjoying a research project for the San Francisco Fire department while continuing to run his property and construction business. Their oldest daughter just graduated with honors from UCLA and his youngest is in the third grade. Mike's wife Carolyn just published a book for Williams-Sonoma—*Pies & Tarts*. Mike and Carolyn, we're looking forward to seeing you both in Byfield for the 30th.

Dave Metcalf writes that he is spoiling his son Jack rotten. Jack is Dave's fourth. David (Dave's other son) is a 16-year-old soccer phenom. Dave still plays soccer, albeit indoor. If not off defending the country Dave definitely plans to make our 30th.

Geoff Peters reports that after eight years of travel every week as a consultant, he now has taken a position at Sears as a Procurement Director. After so much travel Geoff writes that it is great being in his own bed most nights!

Maria Polcari has responded for the first time in 30 years! Thanks, Maria, and it is really good to hear from you. In December 2001 Maria purchased a home in Yarmouthport, MA and she reports that it "is adorable and I love it there." She has also been doing part-time

ESL teaching and lots of volunteer work. She is currently engaged in opening a thrift shop. Maria, please come to reunion, I'm sure everyone would love to see you.

Walter Rivera writes that he is really going to try and make it to the 30th. He also got a "kick" out of seeing that picture from the past in the last Archon. Walter, if I know children, yours enjoyed seeing your big Afro! We'll look for you this spring.

Bruce Sheldon is planning on attending the 30th. This past Thanksgiving, Bruce and his 16-year-old daughter visited the GDA campus. He hadn't been back in 20 years and he reports how great it was for him seeing all of the new buildings and improvements. Bruce and wife Jody live in Darien, CT and share their lives with daughter Lee and son Matt. Bruce works as a commercial real estate broker.

Bruce is looking forward to seeing old friends at our 30th. Bruce, we'll be there and it will be good to see you too.

Geoffrey White has formed the Dreamtree Foundation. You can find more information at Dreamtree@optusnet.com. His organization is dedicated to the preservation, protection and promotion of Arts and Culture, Ecology, Science and Technology. They also help artists realize their dreams. Kewl, as the kids say!

Dr. Glen Winkel reports that he has finally moved from California to Colorado. "I am nestled in the little town of Manitou Springs about one hour from Denver and four miles west of Colorado Springs at the base of Pikes Peak, whose 14,100 ft. peak I have yet to climb." Glen is also working with a new immune support product that is based upon hyper immune egg technology. He is working with a group of oncologists and also with many people as they work to maintain their quality of life as they age. What excited me most about his e-mail was his statement "I think I may have discovered the fountain of youth!" Glen still races bikes with the US Postal Service. Glen, we all look forward to seeing you in June.

The Youngs are enjoying life with two in college and one in kindergarten. Our activities are so varied that we too think we have found the fountain of youth. Mostly we appreciate our family and friends and pray that the great creator will sustain us all. June is fast approaching so get excited, make your reservations and make your way back to Byfield for our 30th. See you soon, and thanks to all who wrote. I really enjoy receiving and sharing your news!

Ooops! The photo of Varsity Men's Hockey co-captains Phil Bouchard '73 and Bill O'Leary '73 was misidentified in the Fall 2002 Archon as "Members of the 1973 Women's Varsity Hockey team." There was no Women's Hockey at GDA in 1973! The Archon editor apologizes for the error.

1974

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We have reached the point in our lives where our children are attending GDA—how can that be?

Robin Cohen Baker's daughter has been attending GDA for two years already.

Paetai Maneepairoj is bringing his son, Kevin, this fall to GDA. Paetai writes: "I really look forward to returning to 'my school' again after 29 years."

Steve Winer is still playing tennis, although he admits he is slowing down. His energy is needed now for his 10-month-old son, Ethan, and his four and a half-year-old pre-school daughter, Jillian. Steve writes: "This sounds like someone from the Class of '94, not '74! I can't wait for our 30th reunion in June '04!" Steve is beginning his 16th year at Wayside in Marlboro, MA, as the Director of Tennis.

I received a Christmas card from **Kim Potter Navarre** who has retired and is really enjoying it. She is pursuing her interest in art. Her oldest son is in medical school and her other son is excelling in high school in the media arts. She is still living outside of Montreal. **E. Scott Williams** is now living in two states at the same time, NH and Rhode Island. Getting ready for the 2004 Presidential election after being thoroughly disgusted by the recent one.

Courtney Wang is still enjoying Dallas



Patti LaBelle, Woody Johnston'75 and Sheila E

and his on-line business is thriving. His daughter is doing very well at Hockaday in Dallas. As for your Class Secretary, I am the queen of volunteers—if there is a project that needs to be managed for no pay, call me. It is fun, but it is getting a bit crazy. My girls are in third and fifth grade. I am getting ready for my 25th Reunion from Mount Holyoke College—so soon? I look forward to hearing more news from everyone. Please Write!

1975

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Jim O'Donnell writes that he hasn't responded for awhile, but like all of us, he is just plain busy. Jim has two children, a 14-year-old daughter, and an eight-year-old son. Since Jim's daughter is looking at high school, memories of GDA are coming back, a great experience. David Ingrassia is now in Charlotte, NC with his wife Gina and five children. Dave has just founded a Christian ministry focused on those at work.

Lisa Johnson writes: "The time seems to be flying by...I can't be getting older! Life is full and rich, and I hope the same is true for my classmates."

Pam Blanchard Post reports: "I got married September 7, 2002 in Newcastle, Maine to Michael Post. We are living in Hobe Sound, Florida. I am the clinical di-

rector of a sleep disorder center nearby. I've been keeping in touch with Wendy O'Brien via email."

Woody Johnston reports: "I am still living in Los Angeles and I am still promoting concerts full time. Pictured with me are two of my favorite clients, Patti LaBelle and Sheila

E. It's good to get the newsletters and the Archon from GDA. Keeps me informed on so many of our classmates. Would like to know if any GDA alumni have become members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity? Please email me with our Fraternity information."

Spencer Purinton reports: "Purinton family had a new addition in July, Louisa Goodrich Purinton, born on her dad's birthday. The entire family Lisa (mom) Felica, Lucy and Louisa are especially fortunate to be living and growing in the GDA vicinity."

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Doug Cawley writes: "My wife (of seven years) Laurian Rhodes, and I own and run a picture framing shop (Fastframe #230) in San Francisco. I also own and run a small record label called Dead Teenager (www.deadteenager.net) and play guitar in a punk rock band called the Grannies (www.thegrannies.com). Other than that, I

occasionally sleep." Tracie Ackerman Fornaro is happy to be gainfully employed and enjoying the ski season this winter at Mt. Snow. Her son, Alexander, just turned 13 and will be in high school this fall. Tracie is busy building a recruiting (contingency search) practice in downtown Boston, specializing in administrative, accounting/finance, IT and digital marketing/online CRM capabilities. She would love to hear from those interested in the employment market. She has had the pleasure of assisting (successfully, of course!) several classmates. Any fellow HR specialists out there? Her work phone is (617) 367-2800, ext. 20. Frank (Chip) White reports: "I want to let Mrs. Abusamra know that my daughter Julie won the sixth grade French competition despite the fact that I helped her study. She wants to go to Quebec next year. Also, I was sorry to hear about Jim Adams. He was my all time favorite English teacher."

I am substitute teaching and enjoying life with my husband and kids. This summer I will ride the Pan-Mass Challenge across Massachusetts to raise money for cancer research (200 miles!). Best to all.

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25th Class Reunion
June 13, 14, 15 2003

Hello All: Before I start in with your news, I wanted to say THANK YOU to all who have given so graciously to our 25th reunion class gift. Regardless of the gift size, I was overwhelmed at the number of people who rose to the occasion to make this years gift a substantial one. On behalf of our great class,.....THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH. For those who have not been contacted, or couldn't be reached for one reason or another and would like to pledge any



Jamie Purinton '78

amount, I ask you to email me! Popehousing@aol.com This is the only time I "ask" for money for our class. I prefer to talk socially versus asking for your contributions. Currently, we are at the 30% participation mark, and I am hoping we can attain 80 to 90 percent. If circumstances permit and you can make a significant gift this year, please strongly consider it. If this year is not your year, any donation to increase our percentage of participation would be greatly appreciated. Lastly, I ask for you to consider reducing your frustration level with the "don't be shy cards".....and just email me. Accidents occur with those little cards and I would like to compliment your effort by including your words, (verbatim), in my article.....so help me help you, and drop me an email versus the card. If someone's thoughtful news did not make it in this article, please forgive me in advance.

Speaking of mail, in today's mail Feb. 19, 2003, I received a letter back from Singapore addressed to **Peter Feith**...Alias Shanghai Feith...it was my class letter dated December 13, 2000...Glad to see their postal service is as good as ours! Drop me an email Peter...and stop moving around! This winter has been relentless with the snow fall. Although great for the outdoor sports, I'm getting sick of pushing it around my yard, business etc etc. Spring can't come soon enough! With all the colds/flu's going around, I hope your family has remained somewhat unscathed by that nastiness. I hope this article finds you all well and that you are

getting pumped up for our reunion this June 13, 14 & 15. My Mom and Dad are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on 6-13-03, so I will see you all on the 14th and 15th.

ON TO YOUR NEWS: I heard from **Dana Stetson** recently. He wrote: "Scott, My children Billy and Cindy are thriving and are now 8-1/2 and 7. I am in the minority these day of having been happily married to my wife Mary for almost 16 years. On the job front; I am Vice President of Sales for Dynamicsoft now four-year-old startup software company. During 2002, I flew over 200,000 miles, primarily to Asia, in pursuit of new customers and enjoying significant success with several new ventures in China. In my spare time we go boating (power) on the Long Island Sound, and continue the never-ending project of renovating our home which was built in 1916.

I continue to stay in touch with **Steven Ingrassia**, **Jon Palais** and **Silvio Montelegre** (who is now living in Costa Rica), and look forward to seeing other classmates during our big 25th reunion this year. Stay warm, and look forward to seeing you this summer." Dana, thanks a bunch for your email. You are busy and I appreciate you taking the time to drop me a line. See you in June!

I received a note from **Peter Hey**, and I was very sorry to hear the news his dad died recently. Peter wrote: "My father died on January 1, 2003, so this has been a time of grief and sorrow. But it has also been a time of celebrating his life and rejoicing in many blessings. He loved GDA and one of the best things he ever did for me was send me there. I had the honor of preaching his eulogy. That was the hardest thing I have ever done, but one of the deepest joys I have ever experienced. I hope all is well with you, Scott. Thanks again for your work as Class Secretary. I look forward to our 25th." Thank you for writing Peter, I appreciate your kind words. Take good care of yourself. My deepest sympathies to you and your family, Peter.....I am sure your eulogy was a great tribute to your Dad and also very difficult to present. He was there listening.... and smiling. For those who wish to contact Peter, please contact me or Sandy Keyes at GDA for Peter's email or telephone number. Sandy's email address at GDA is: skeyes@gda.org

One classmate whom I haven't heard

from in a long time wrote recently. She and her husband are the "BIG NEWS" winners from our last reunion by getting married! That's right folks!.....Here is **Jamie Purinton's** letter: "Dear Popey, Thanks for keeping the class news rolling despite our meager responses to your regular reminders. Higgy and I plan to be in Byfield June 13. We might even honeymoon in a single dorm bed. Do you all realize that I live with a man that remembers vocabulary sentences that Meechum used such as, 'Pretty women were once an anomaly at Governor Dummer,' or songs by The Doobie Brothers? So how can I stay away? I hope lots of you are in the mood to get together. Maybe even JuleAnn will cross the U.S. to find her old pals." Jamie, thanks for writing! It was great to hear from you!.....Ahhh the memories of Meechum.....they were great.....and he was a great guy! See you both in June!

I received a card from **Tom Diel**. He wrote: "Brenna and I had a good summer. We found time to do some sailing on Lake Michigan. For our vacation in September, we climbed Mt. Katahdin and spent a week on Mt. Desert Island, ME." Thanks for the card Tom and hope to see you at the reunion! Well folks, that's a wrap. Other letters will be coming your way about our reunion. Thanks to everyone who wrote and my thanks to all who have made a contribution to our class gift. Stay well.....stay healthy, Scott.

1979

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Those of you in the New England area know that it has been a brutal winter. But spring is just around the corner. It won't be long now before the flowers will be blooming in the quad. Here's the latest news that's fit to print.

Steve Perry is now in his 20th year at Hawaii Prep Academy, busy as athletic director, freshman dean, and varsity coach of both boys and girls soccer teams. The Perry family has just moved into their new house where Justin (5), Julia (3), and Jenna (1) now have their own rooms.

Andy Linn writes that he didn't appreciate my child naming advice in the last issue. Andy, remember that Mr. Clunie taught

us that memory aids such as rhyming are good and you need all the help you can get ;-) Andy is also proud of his Buckeyes for winning the National Championship.

Avery Woodworth reports that after relinquishing his time consuming duties as class secretary(riiiiiiiiight), he now has more time to complete renovations to his house and spend more time with Elizabeth and Caleb (13), Eliza (11) and Amelia (7), and hopes to coach JV Lax at GDA this spring.

Kathleen Leary Livermore is taking this year off from teaching at UNH. She says the birth dates of her students (mid-80's) has traumatized her. Feeling a little old are we? Daughter Annie is finishing up eighth grade at Berwick Academy, and son Ted is Class of '04 at GDA and looking at colleges. Well, if it makes you feel any better, John Perlowski and I played in the Alumni basketball game this past January (and we only lost by a couple), but realized that the players we were playing against hadn't even been born yet when we graduated from GDA. **Laura Roome Hemrick** says that she was surprised recently when she was watching the Weather Channel on TV and they have a new series called "Storm Stories." Imagine her surprise to see and hear **Brad Cavanaugh** telling about being afloat for days after the boat he was on sank.

Lisa Law is working at the Regional Medical Center as the Clinical Supervisor of Behavioral Health. It appears those years observing our strange and diverse behavior at GDA has proven to be valuable. Who woulda thunk? Her husband is sergeant at the Detention Center and leads the Gang Task Force and SWAT Team. Do they have Saturday morning work squads there? They have three furkids; two Australian Shepherds and a Golden Retriever. Lisa says any prayers we can throw her way are welcome, as she has just passed her six-month mark with good results, after being diagnosed with Thyroid cancer last May. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dave Mauwaring offers this historical brain dump of major events:

6/1979	Graduated with all of YOU!
6/1982	My dad lost his 3+ year battle with Cancer
8/31/1983	Married to Darline Gallant

9/8/1983	Bought our first house on Cape Cod
4/20/1984	Steven David is born
2/20/1987	Jeffrey Lewis is born
8/20/1989	Graduated from Wentwork Technical School
4/6/1990	Heather Lynne is born
9/25/1995	First day with home Internet!

I held a number of computer jobs after completing WTS:

2/2000	Separated from Darline
10/2000	Moved to Keene, NH
10/2000	Starting working for PC Connection (Current)
11/21/2000	Filed for Divorce
2/14/2001	Proposed to Kathleen Szmit at the Blue Man Group in Boston Valentine's Day show (ask me about this!)
3/21/2001	Divorce was final *sigh*
8/25/2001	Married for the LAST (second) time to Kathy

We currently have an apartment in Keene, NH where I live with my wife, Kathy and her son Ryan (9). My oldest son, Steven is 18 and on his own while his brother and sister both live with their Mom and see me regularly. We plan on buying a house in the Keene area sometime in the next year."

Stu Cawley writes that he got his first taste of the Caribbean on "a Christmas cruise w/my wife Alexa's family this year (and, no, we didn't puke)" and vows to go back again sometime minus the kids and minus the cruise ship. Ran his first marathon this year, the Marine Corps Marathon in DC. Figured there just aren't gonna be that many chances in his life to have a Marine salute him and say: "Great job, sir." Will give it another shot at the Mt. Desert Island Marathon next fall. Stu is still doing agricultural research for the University of MD, and wife's taking the year off to try to finish her Ph.D. (year #9 and counting). Oldest son, Angus (4), is in pre-K & loving it, & younger, Simon (almost 3 [conceived during Reunion '99 {too much info?!}]), is almost as big as him now, making for fairly even wrestling matches & pirate sword duels.

As for me, I've recently left the world of selling high technology to enter the world of

finance. It's way easier to give money than to take it. I'm now a Loan Officer at GNA Mortgage Group in North Andover. Please keep the cards and emails coming. It's great to hear what's going on with the great class of '79.

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The holidays brought news from many classmates:

Cynthia Horner sent word announcing the birth of Grace Adele Horner, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, on November 16, 2002. Grace joins sister Nicole, who just turned two. Cynthia plans to return to her pediatric practice in February, but with a reduced schedule. Congratulations to Cynthia and her husband, Doug, on Grace's birth!

Clarissa Hughes wrote "that she and her husband Greg are "expecting a girl, Cadance Alexandra Hughes, sometime in early March. Enjoyed seeing Sue Perry very much and encourage everyone to visit us in Florida! I am teaching Kindermusik in the spring and continue with singing and real estate sales, but motherhood will be the best job of all! Love to Lyn, Vinca, Lisa, Susan, and Jen! And congratulations to Kath!"

Keller Laros sent greetings from Hawaii. "Aloha! 2002 was great. We founded a non-profit organization called the Manta Pacific Research Foundation to help with our study of mantas. Visit us at www.manta-pacific.org. My son Russell Keller Laros IV is six and enjoying first grade. Daughter Janelle Julia is three and a 50 pound bruiser. Talked with Brownie, EOB, Benson and Red a while back - all well. Congratulations KAO'L! Aloha!" I received a beautiful Christmas picture and note from the Reilly clan who welcomed Erin Irene Reilly on

November 26, 2002. "Hopefully Erin will keep her two brothers on the straight and narrow. I was activated by the National Guard last August. I'm home on leave for the holidays. Hope to return to civilian life and the U.S. by next spring." We're all thinking of you, Mike! Congratulations to you and Diane on Erin's arrival!

Antea vonHenneberg sent wishes for a "merry, merry to you and all- Things are very busy here, running after 2.2 year old son Ford and husband Andrew! I swam from the Bay Bridge to Aquatic Park on Thanksgiving Day as part of the "Turkey Plunge"- cold 56 degrees! Take care everyone!" As always, thanks to everyone who wrote. I love hearing from you!

1982

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Hi everyone. I sent out the usual form letter, with postcards for all of you to return with your class notes.

Here are the postcard responses. **Andy Paige:** "Our little family moved from Oakland CA to Whately, MA this year. I don't recommend trans-continental U-haul treks with a five-month-old kid. Kai (our son) is pretty great and 13 months old now. Walking, making all sorts of cute sounds. Enjoying the snow and cold, but miss the ocean." Yup, that wraps up the post card responses.

My next tactic was a mass email. Nothing special just "email me your news, my deadline is approaching in early February."

Here are those responses. **Karen (Matzner) Chinca:** "It's so much easier to reply via email. Well, life is very busy with my wonderful kids, work and school. Enio is now seven and Raphael is five, and they certainly keep me on my toes with school, homework, playmates and all of their activities. I'm in my third year at BC, getting my Master's in social work and I really love it. It's a lot of work, but I'm looking forward to finishing and becoming a therapist. I also decided to try something new and exciting. I'm planning to start a small beading business making jewelry. I've started selling some of

my pieces, and hope to make some money out of the venture. That's it for now!"

Trina Chiara: "We are doing well. Love being the parents of almost two-year-old Isabella!! And ALWAYS exhausted. Call if you are ever in Hartford 860-673-4017."

Bob Low: "It's been a real tough road the past two weeks with the tragic deaths of two of my favorite students in a car accident. Weston Lea and Mike D'Amico were fun-loving, vibrant, popular kids who embraced life. Wes was the leading scorer on my soccer team, carrying us all the way to the NEPSAC Class A semi-finals, where we lost to Ben Snyder's Nobles team. Mike was a premier lacrosse player, coveted by several top college programs. The Holderness community has really pulled together to support the families and friends. All my best to the '82s."

Larry Soule: "This is the first time I have sent in notes for the Archon but I felt I had to relay an interesting story to be filed under the 'small world' category. I recently bumped into **Michele (Montrone) Cogan** and her husband Kevin at a charity function IN ST.THOMAS. I was actually on their boat, 'My Michele,' earlier in the day with Kevin and did not know that he was married to Michele. It was only later that evening at the function that we met. Kevin introduced us and Michele said I looked familiar but couldn't figure out where she knew me from. After deciding that we did not go to the same college, we realized it was GDA. Kevin was hoping I could provide him with some dirt on Michele from when she was at GDA, but unfortunately I could not. Perhaps someone else in the Class of '82 has a story or two to relate. Michele and Kevin currently live in St. Thomas with their three children. I live in Wilton, CT with my wife Anna and kids Victoria (three) and Christopher (nine months.). I currently serve as financial advisor to the Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands so I am frequently visiting the islands on business. Hope to see Kevin and Michele on my next visit."

Claire Danaher: "I'm in the middle of two months of county criminal court jury duty which I wouldn't recommend. Nancy, how do you do it? [Secretary's note: First of all, I'm the clerk, not a juror, but second of all, it's your civic duty, so suck it up. Jury duty may be inconvenient, but you have an important function in our system of justice. You go girl!] My husband Bill recently re-

ceived his PhD from Yale, eight years after starting. They should give a degree to supporting spouses. I was home in Cambridge for ten days at Christmas and felt solace that the locals are Vinneys who talk with their hands instead of Juniors who attend NASCAR races. After almost three years in Tennessee, I still feel like a Yankee. May that always be. We had a several day visit this summer from Charlotte Cleghorn! She was taking a sabbatical from being a parish priest and drove around the country visiting various friends. We enjoyed catching up and she's doing well, now settled in a parish in North Carolina. My five-year-old Phoebe still loves Mulan, but is adding Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz to her list of favorites. My muse has found me and so I've been working on a bunch of new songs. My goal for 2003 is to produce a CD. Can I count on each classmate to purchase a copy? I'm looking forward to reading about everyone in the Archon."

Martha Lawlor: "Still living in good 'ole Chelmsford with Gary, Emily (7) Charlotte (4) and Eliza (2). Gary quit his job in July to go back to school. He's getting a Master's Certificate from BU for software design. Hopefully the job market will show some improvement by the time he is done in April. I'm still enjoying my time as a full-time mom. The girls' school and after school activities keep me busy. It was great to see members of our class at our 20th reunion. I enjoyed seeing **Karen (McKinney)** and **Sloan** - it had been too long since we'd last seen each other!"

Barbara Mackay-Smith: "The greatest excitement in my life these days is going to 'THE WIGGLES' concert in San Francisco in February. If you don't have kids under five, don't ask. Actually I am enjoying being at home full time with Rachel, now two-and-a-half and Nathan (born Oct 12, 2002). It's cut down on my traveling, not to mention travel writing, but having this time with them while they are little is worth it! Anyone in the Bay Area: give us a call!!"

Well, that was a pretty good response, but I thought we could do better, so I sent a second email. This one said "My deadline is Feb 20, so it's not too late. Hit 'reply' and send me some scrap of info (what did you have for breakfast this morning? What is your favorite alcoholic beverage, now that you are an adult? Do you have a pet? What species? Do you ever have a dream that you

are in Mr. Williams' Asian History Class and you forgot to do the reading? (Or is that just me?) Or, revert to the usual Archon stuff: spouse/kids/job. Gossip about classmates (substantiated or otherwise) is always a preferred option. So if your life is dull, make up something about someone else!" Here are my responses: 1. a bowl of cereal. 2. White wine, preferably Pinot Grigio. 3. Yes, a Hungarian vizla named Vinnie. 4. Yes, and I also dream that I am trying (unsuccessfully) to finish a geometry exam in Mr. Gosselin's class. 5. Spouse/kids/job: no significant changes in these areas.

Will Friend sent in his dutiful response: "1. Breakfast: 3 cups of coffee. 2. Favorite: still beer 3. Pets: 3 green anolies; 1 dog (Rosie) 1 cat (Cosmo), 2 white mice; 1 Guinea Pig (Candy). 4. Family: Maryanne and kids are well. Emily just turned 8; William is three-and-a-half. 5. Classmates: Saw Kriggy over the New Year; Gossip: none.

Martha Lawlor responded with this: "HEY! Leave me alone! I've already sent you my class notes. This is harassment! If you contact me again I'll reinstate the restraining order I have out on you! Love, Martha."

Marc Rasbury: "What's up folks. I'm sorry that I missed the reunion. I got married the following week in St. Lucia and my wife and I had a lot of running around to do the weekend of the reunion. Cynthia and I married on a gorgeous day along the beach. It was just the two of us. No parents or friends, which was a hard sell to my mother. Nevertheless, it was great. I moved to Teaneck, NJ, but am trying my best to return to NYC. I'm not cut out for the suburban life. Things are finally getting back to normal here at Verizon. We restored everybody's service on a temporary basis in lower Manhattan last year. Now, we are wrapping up the permanent restoration work. I pray we never have to go through this again. My photojournalist work is picking up. I just got back from the NBA All Star Weekend and sold some of my pictures to the Associated Press and several other publications. I am hoping that, with a little luck, I will be retained as a part-time photographer with the NY Times covering concerts in the Tri-State area. I'm a feature writer for NY Sport scene, a monthly magazine. I had at least two

articles published in each of the last three issues and I will be their beat writer for the Mets, Jets and Nets. I'm getting ready to coach summer league basketball teams for my church. Last year we had over 50 kids participating in three different divisions. Hope everyone is doing well. Look forward to hearing from the Class of '82!"

John Parker: "As I am not an official alumnus, I would like to officially thank any and all members of the Class of 82 who think of me as part of the group. I spent what seems like a very short time, a pretty long time ago with a group of folks who have stayed with me in thoughts, memories, the Archon, and, of course, the never ending stream of envelopes from the Development Office. Since Nancy longs for correspondence of just about any type, I will share what I think is both funny, and a little scary, all at the same time. I left GDA in 1982, just as you all did (of course, I left a little earlier, but let's just say I left for spring break and never came back). So, I leave. I do the "rehab" thing. I do the bad job thing, which lasted about, well, it's on-going. Since 1982 I have lived two or three places in Louisiana, then two or three places in California, then I moved here to North Carolina 10 years ago, and I will stay here until I or my mother-in-law passes. (Still a bit fuzzy about the day I consented to live within 15 minutes of my in-laws, but apparently, I did). Now, in all those years, all those residences (and let me tell ya folks, I wouldn't know a change-of-address card if it kissed me on the mouth) and the one constant at all those places, and all those mailboxes - you got it - the Archon, and the chance to donate to every fund anyone in Byfield can dream up. God bless their hearts, I've never given a dime, and they keep coming. With that level of persistence, I suggest we join the GDA Development Office in on the hunt for Osama Bin Laden. If it takes them more than 90 days I'll be shocked. I hope everyone is well, especially the offspring. The flu and strep are rampant here in Greensboro, and my five year old is home sick. I feel very helpless when she coughs, and makes that pained wincing expression. I was one lousy student, but I am proud of my tenure as a parent. What is up with the class of '82 website? I think getting a picture of my family onto the web will

be much easier than getting my brood to Byfield. Anyway, regards from North Carolina."

Bill "Hutch" Hutchinson: "Hello from Hutch! Richmond has seen more snow in the last two months than in the previous three years. Emily (7) and Joe (5) love to play in the stuff. We make the traditional snow person, throw snow-balls and go sledding. Work goes well for this internal audit guy. I spent most of last fall in Argentina and Brazil. This spring I will be in Canada and Europe. While it takes me away from home, I send plenty of emails with JPEG pics to keep the kids and wife posted. Hi to everyone and look forward to seeing ya'll again one day."

Andy Fredrick: "Marc - you were missed at the reunion, as were some others, but I guess marriage is a pretty good excuse. If you think Teaneck, NJ is a long shot, try BOISE IDAHO! If any of you should happen to visit, bring some ID. A person with a valid out-of-state ID can visit the "Potato Expo" just north of Pocatello, and after viewing a series of different species of spuds, get a free five-pound sack of grade A russets. (If only I'd known about this before my MASS driver's license expired ...) But before you all rush out here to receive the bounty of free tubers, I warn you that the expo is only open during spring and summer. We do maintain an extra bedroom for anyone who visits to ski, see the sites, pick up taters and whatever."

Jonathan Andrews has a degree in land management from University of Alaska. He has a lumber mill in Fox, Alaska and builds log cabins. Visit one at base of Denale-Park's Edge.

WEB PAGE UPDATE: It's there, but there is nothing on it. YET. But keep checking. I know Chuck is wrestling it into submission, and maybe when THIS edition of the Archon goes out, it will be on line. Web address is: <http://gda82.snew.com>.

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Bill and Christy Lothrop live in St. Paul. They have two children, two-year-old Elise and four-month-old Joseph.

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Hello, Class of '84! So sorry I have not been diligent with getting your notes into the Archon the past year-and-a-half. It has been a very busy time for me with lots of changes at work and the kids getting to the age where activities become time consuming! I have lots to share this edition.

Hank Friedman writes that life in Taos continues to be good. He just finished his seventh season coaching soccer at Taos High School. He had dinner last spring with **Krista Hennessey Bartholomew** in Santa Fe and says she is doing very well. She is working for Park City Resort and Paul is still with Novell.

David Gould and his wife Christina are back in Bogotá, Colombia. He writes that Veronica Apple Gould joined their family in March of 2001. He is consulting and trying to write a book, but mostly just enjoying fatherhood! He would love to hear from anyone – davidegould@yahoo.com.

Charlie Cashin writes from Alaska and sent some wonderful pictures of a GDA gathering in Marinette, Wisconsin that he attended in August 2002. They were in the western Great Lakes area for the launch of our country's newest ship, US Coast Guard Cutter HICKORY. Charlie also wrote that he and his wife Kathleen had a wonderful get together with Marilyn (the resident nurse at GDA back in 1984) and her hus-

band Herm at Charlie's home in Homer, Alaska. He can be reached at 63855 Katamar Avenue, Homer AK, 99603 (907) 235-4761 or cashin@xyz.net.

Brent Tingle broke a 17-year silence last year to write into our class notes! Brent is a partner in a law firm of Marrison, Mahoney and Miller where he is a trial attorney focusing mostly on representing physicians and other health care professionals. Brent spent a lot of time over the last decade traveling including climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, tried Mount Ranier and "was stupid enough to run with the bulls in Pamplona"! Yikes!! If that wasn't exciting enough, he got married in Maui in March 2001, where **Sean Mahoney** ('85) was in attendance. While most guys play golf before their wedding, Brent went surfing to calm his nerves!! He and Sean usually spend time in the summer surfing in NH and Nantucket. Brent and his wife Joanne recently bought a home in Westford, MA and are expecting their first child in August. That may cut into surfing season a little – congratulations!

Aimee Walsh Schade writes that Julia (5), Tyler (3) and Carter (2) are all doing well and enjoying New Hampshire. She is home-schooling them and enjoying the low stress life. Have you had enough of the snow and

cold this winter? I also heard from **Amie Breed** who was working as a midwife until recently when she had her third child Bowman, Bo for short – Congratulations, Amie! Her daughters, Hayley and Natalie, are 11 and 6, "beautiful, bright and avid soccer players!" Amie recently bought a house on Salt Spring Island near Victoria, BC and is splitting her time between there and Santa Cruz, CA. She extends an invitation for all to visit and keep in touch apbreed@aol.com, (834) 429-4036 or (205) 653-4714.

Stephanie Kinloch is in the Master's program in psychology at Antioch University.

My family is also growing up. Sean is in third grade and is enjoying soccer, basketball and baseball and acting classes these days. He still loves school and recently participated in the school's spelling bee. Drew is in first grade this year and has approached learning like he does sports – aggressively! He is working very hard on reading and math and thinks his teacher is perfect! Ryan is four-and-a-half and wants to know everything. He has more "whys" in him than he did as a toddler! He also has a smile that lights up a room and still thinks he is going to marry me when he grows up! Such a great age!! Dan is working at Netscout (also in Westford, MA!) and still enjoying program-

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ming and application development. I am enjoying my job at Liberty although I can't seem to catch up there ever! I was recently promoted to IT Operations Manager and have been spinning ever since! I also recently started playing indoor soccer on a women over-30 team!! Busy, busy!! My best to all of you and your families!! Our email address has changed so often that Dan set up one that we could keep no matter what service we have. Please keep in touch ... cathy@riley-scerbo.com.

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Donna Stram reports: "My husband Steven and I are expecting our first child on 12/15/02. We're still living in Tampa, where he is finishing a surgical residency, and I am running my research consulting company. We're hoping to make the next Reunion!"

Matt Hack has been with MAXTOR, Longmont, CO for many years. Father of three children, Allison, Heather and William.

Victoria de Lisle writes: "I got married on March 22, 2002 [on her birthday] to Michael Johnson. You probably met him at the last GDA reunion. He just finished up a PhD program in Physical Chemistry at Tulane University, where he is now working. I am a partner in the New Orleans office of the Texas law firm of Locke Liddell & Sapp. We are planning to stay in New Orleans at least for the foreseeable future, although I have fantasies of moving back to the northeast and being able to experience all four seasons again. Please ask **Stephanie D'Orazio Migliosi** to send **Raquel Ardito-Barletta** and me her new email address. We have not heard from her in over a year. We have been busy with our home renovation and with the newest addition to our family (a black Labrador puppy named Sampson)!"

Esmee Huggard Williams (esmee@allrecipes.com) writes: "Ken, Jon (3.5 yrs), Cate (6 months) and I celebrated the holidays with friends and family in Seattle. It was nice not to have to jump on a

plane. I'm still at Allrecipes.com and things are going very well. We were the number one recipe site again this holiday season. We are in the midst of launching a new product that will provide nutrition-based meal planning capabilities. My brother **Mike** says Hi! He's living in LA working at an architectural firm."

Quinn Pollock writes: "I've taken a field sales job with a former competitor to my original company, and they've given me an opportunity to move home. My wife and I are making plans to move back to Maine as I write this. We want to raise a family away from the busy city life that is Washington, DC. Last spring we adopted a young Chocolate Lab, and for those of you with children, I can't imagine the joy that a child brings, because this dog is hysterical. Bad days tend to drift away when Cooper jumps up and licks my face. We're pretty excited to move home and to be near family and friends. Noelle is dreaming of good skiing. I'm dreaming of good hockey. Cooper is dreaming of chasing squirrels. I need everyone to own at least one cat or dog. PLEASE! See your veterinarian as much as possible! Thank you. I look forward to seeing GDA people again."

Katrina Russo Ramsey writes: "Mitchell just started third grade and Eleanor is now in first - amazing how quickly time passes! They both love school and their teachers and friends and we are all getting back into the school routine after a wonderful summer. We spent a good bit of



George McCarthy '86 married Stephanie M. Allan on November 11, 2002 on the Island of Nevis in the Caribbean West Indies

time at my parents' house on Plum Island this summer. One week was spent with **Anita Russo Bartschat '87** and her three children (who are now living in Minnesota).

Teresa Russo Cramphorn '83 and her family (with five children) live in West Newbury, so I see her just about every time I'm in town. My kids are finally at an age where I can actually sit-and many times lie down-on the beach while they play in the surf. Not quite able to sleep for hours on the beach like I did in the 'old days', but the relaxation is starting to come back to my life little by little! I've done some fun travel this past year, both for work and pleasure. Work has taken me to Florida, L.A., Cape Cod, the Catskills of upstate N.Y., and many other less-than-noteworthy locations. I've also taken trips to Orlando and Washington D.C.

and a cruise to the Bahamas for pure vacation. Work is also going very well. The pharmaceutical industry has been under a lot of scrutiny in the past few years, and it has been especially so in Vermont, but Merck is the kind of company that I feel very proud to be a part of. Hard to believe, but I've been at this for 13 years now—and I still love it! I hope everyone is doing well and I'm already looking forward to the next Reunion. (20 year high school reunion?!! Is that possible? I don't think any of us are old enough to have graduated from high school almost 20 years ago!) Take care!"

Joshua Holden (JHolden@fvenc.com) writes: "Last year Foster Wheeler moved me to a project at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, ME. It's a three-year landfill cap construction job. I've been going out in Portsmouth after work. Any idea what **Pete Condon** is up to?"

Elizabeth Bertelsen-Hoefer (theravensen@yahoo.com) writes: "I am still enjoying the sun in Florida... I am an Investment Advisor in Sarasota, FL. I got married four years ago in Austria to a personal chef. Married life is great but I wish that he would cook without cream and butter... :) The only people I keep in touch with from GDA are **Quinn** and **Nolden**. I am wondering how **Will Enderby** is doing.

Jon Shain writes: "Maria and I are happy to announce the birth of our daughter Johanna. She was born on Tuesday, February 26, 2002 – and she's beautiful! I am still traveling, performing and teaching guitar. For my tour dates you can go to www.jonshain.com."

Mark Ginsberg writes: "I guess I'm what you could call a "first-time caller, long-time listener." I've been working at Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant for about 12 years, and I just finished my first year in the capacity of Assistant Chief of Security. My kids Connor and Hannah are doing great in fourth and first grades respectively. What else can I say? Hope everyone is well."

Kelly (Vandal) Gulezian is living in Haverhill, MA with her husband and two dogs. She is working as a district manager for Express.

Susan Edelstein was married September 1, 2002 at Moseley Chapel, to Mark B. Towler. They honeymooned in Spain and Paris. She writes she is very, very happy!!

Rob Cloutier and his wife Nicola

moved to Portland, Oregon last year. They and their children, Jared and Joanna, enjoy the west coast. Rob is on the Emergency Medicine Faculty at Oregon Health Sciences University and Nicola is in private practice OB Gyn. All is well in Chicago. First, I wanted to say that I am sorry for doing such a bad job at writing the class notes over the last year. I have been really busy but I will try to do a better job! I have been doing this for eight years now. Time flies!! I often speak to **Dinah Daley** who drove through Chicago on her way to Seattle. She is doing very well and is happy to be back on the west coast. I still enjoy selling real estate in downtown Chicago. You can view my website at www.nathalieames.com. It is a crazy market right now but that is what keeps the job interesting. My daughter Laura is doing well. She is in third grade this year. I can't believe she will be nine years old in June. We took some great trips over the last year – Costa Rica, Fiji, Baja, Bahamas etc.. We also spent about five weeks throughout the year at our house in Mesa, Co. I am already looking forward to the 20th Reunion in 2005. It will be great to see everyone again. If you are in Chicago or Colorado, let me know – it would be great to get together. My e-mail address is amesnat@aol.com.

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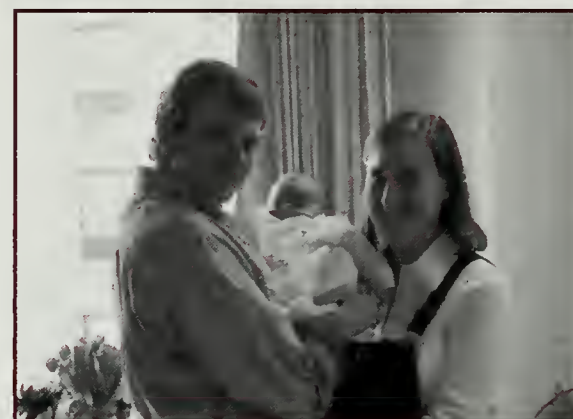
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Hello to all and how 'bout all the snow we've been having?! We do not want to hear any more complaints of 'a drought' from those of you who have lawns. And after the snow came the COLD. And then came the record-breaking blizzard. Here's to hoping for warm and sunny days in the Northeast soon.

Ann Blair Silvers wrote that she and



Thilo and Lucy Armstrong Henkes '87
son Willem was born on
February 4, 2003. 7 lb 11 oz and
19.25 inches long

her husband Jonathan are living in Scottsdale, AZ and had some news, "Kaitlyn Elizabeth Silvers joined our family on October 24th. She weighed in at 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long. Her two-year old sister Samantha is pretty happy to be a big sister now, but I think the excitement is wearing off as she realizes that Kaitlyn does not do very much. We are all very happy, if not sleep-deprived, and are looking forward to some quiet holidays here in Arizona."

Lisa Taplin updated us through email. "Our son, Sean, turned one in August and we had an excessively large BBQ birthday for him. He is 17 months old now and has been walking for about four months. He is talking up a storm and loves animals, especially **Lisa Carrigg's** bulldog, Lucy. Speaking of dogs, we must be gluttons for punishment because we just got a puppy last weekend! He is 14 weeks old, part Beagle, part black lab. We named him Tuco, after a character in the *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*. Other big news: Dave Murray and I are getting married, September 20th in Amesbury, Mass." Congratulations in advance, Lisa!

Jeff Ashworth writes: "I'm still playing



Anita Russo Bartschat '87 children;
Nicolas, Alexa and Christoph

hard whenever I can, but my first love is now watching with my wife our son Ben do all the little crazy things a 16-month-old does...definitely a ball player! Take care, Ash."

Andrew Rockwell (no longer Rocky?) writes: "My daughter Emily turned two in October. Vivian and I moved to 25 Gale Road in Hampton and have a house on Lake Winnepesaukee in Glidden Cove, near Gunstock. Looking forward to the sun and sandbars after all this early January snow."

Rob and Marybeth DeLena are busy with their two kids in Sudbury. He said it can sometimes be a circus, but there are only 1000 days left until Ryan goes to kindergarten, but who's counting? Both Abby and Ryan are doing great."

Jeff Katz emailed: "Hey Class of '87. I'm still living in the Back Bay and working at Massachusetts Financial Services in Boston. I did my second triathlon this past July and reached my goal of finishing in the top third. My off-season training led me to get certified to teach Spin classes (I figured I'm already taking the classes, why not teach them and get paid for it). But now it's snow-board season, so it's time for x-training..."

maybe I'll run into someone (not literally) at Killington or Jay Peak. That's all for now."

Paula and Greg Haas welcomed their second daughter Alice Jane (Ally) on January 7th at Anna Jacques. Ally was 19.5 inches and 7lbs. 10oz. Kate is adjusting nicely to her role of big sister and everyone is doing well is the new family of four.

Buzz Crocker emailed: "I have recently become engaged to Jennifer Anne Talman who works at Northern Trust Company. We are getting married in June 2004. I am working at Grubb & Ellis Management Services, Inc. in the commercial real estate industry and hope to get my real estate license this year." Congratulations to you, too!

Mike and Jen Hart are living in Andover with their four kids, ages 4-12 years old. They are keeping busy this winter with homework and a lot of skiing. Mike does a lot of traveling, working for a NY-based company, so they all look forward to hitting the slopes on the weekends.

Robb Morse surfaced...we mean emailed: "We finally bought a house in Dracut, MA, and I'm working in Chelmsford (a nice short commute). My girls (Marina, almost three, and Sabrina, a year-and-a-half) are great, and my wife, Kara, is acclimating to our mild New England climate." Poor Kara...the average temperature in January, was something like -1?

Anita Bartschat emailed: "Hi Everyone! I am surviving another Minnesota winter. (Actually we've hardly had any snow.) It was great to see so many at reunion last year! I am keeping very busy with my three little ones. Christoph is in first grade, Nicholas is in pre-school and Alexa is into everything. She is turning one in February and started taking her first steps back in November. She just wants to keep up with the big boys. They are all very healthy and love to have fun. The boys have been learning to play ice hockey on the rink Mike made on the frozen lake behind the house and we've done a good amount of alpine skiing too. Christoph's motto is 'go fast and hit as many jumps as you can.' Nicholas takes his time, chatting the whole way down. We are heading to Disney World in March and I am planning to visit my parents on Plum Island for a few weeks from 7/26 -mid August. My newest toy is a digi-



Lisa Taplin '87 and son Sean Murray

tal camera so I'll attach a photo..."

Babies, babies and more babies...**Lucy Armstrong Henkes** and her husband, Thilo, welcomed a baby boy, Willem Armstrong, on February 4. You can check out the stats of their new addition on their website, www.lucyandthilo.com.

Thanks to those of you who sent updates. Stay warm and think spring!

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Now, if you have opened the Archon and have come straight to our notes and didn't send any updates, I will be speaking with you shortly!! If you are here to see if I have remembered to put your update in, then thank you and I hope that I haven't done to you what I did to **Andy Noel**! I was hoping to encourage those of you who have not sent some info in the past, to update us all before reunion in June. I am hoping to reach all of you by then and hopefully get a "mug book" of sorts together for us all to laugh at and enjoy when we check-in for our weekend at GDA. You will all be hearing from me soon!!!! Please take my call!!!

Hugh Ogilvie reports: "I visited the campus with my wife, Fleur Taft Autumn. A trip down memory lane, but so much has changed. I am working very hard as a criminal defense lawyer in east London. Fleur works in human resources and we live in a flat (apartment to you!) in North London with our two cats (Custard and Cookie). More news soon. Take care everyone!"

I was so happy to hear from **Cindy Draper Hatfield**, who writes: "I hope all is well with you and your family! I am finally sitting down to send an update for the class notes. I have a two-year-old son, Jack, and a five-month-old daughter, Mary Elizabeth. I am now a stay-at-home mom and am having a blast finger painting and playing with PlayDoh. My husband John works hard at a family furniture restoration business and at maintaining our old home."

Mark Juba, like the editor he is, writes to me in the third person so that all I have to do is cut and paste! I did have to include his introduction, as it really reminds me of Mark while we were at school together. It is really a more sophisticated and adult version of "the dog ate my homework" explanation. He writes: "Got your letter and decided to email. It may have been the card that got eaten, because I thought I sent some news to you a while back and that it didn't get in. Oh, well, don't worry. I'm still an editor so I know those things happen." Thanks Mark, I thought that the card looked more like a female's penmanship but you may be right.

Mark and his wife, Stacy, had their first child, daughter Lauren, on Nov. 29. Lauren weighed eight pounds, five ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. "We all live in Blackstone, Mass. Being a father has been great, except for this harsh winter we have been having. Due to the cold, we have only taken Lauren out of the house for doctor's visits and on two other occasions, and she still caught a cold. She's okay though and growing bigger day-by-day. Can't wait for better weather so we can actually all leave the house. Work-wise, I'm now the executive editor for Neighbors newspapers, the biggest weekly publication in Rhode Island. Ah, it's a job. Hoping to make it to reunion and that everyone is well. Take care all."

I have been in touch with **Nancy Hough** and I am so psyched that she has access to a computer and email so that she can make me laugh more regularly. She is currently "...a therapist, primarily with abused,

neglected youth and their families. Funding and programs are being cut left and right, due to our country's/state's economic situation. One program I developed and worked is cut, and I just heard the other program I am working on, a day treatment program for youth and families, is going to be cut at the end of the school year. So I'm trying to keep my head up. Other than this, life is good, my partner and I have completed majority of renovations on our home in the country/foothills, not sheep ranching." Now I do have to say that being able to undertake renovations has a lot more applications for when you may be visiting an old friend in VA!!! A bathroom on the second floor is calling to you from the East Coast! I am currently working to get Nance out to GDA for our reunion. We'll see how it goes. Another great update from someone new.

Katie Clifford Nadeau is currently in NH. She says: "Thank you for all the work you do for the class notes. I don't know how you manage to do it and be a mom! [Okay, Katie, here's the secret. Sandy Keyes can vouch for me when I say I do this all into the wee hours of the night when EVERYONE IS ASLEEP!!!!] Having never before written to our class notes, I have a lot to report! While at UNH getting my M.Ed., I met my husband Tom (thanks to a horse named Ziggy and a pig roast) and we celebrated our fifth anniversary last August. We settled in Hampton, NH while I taught tenth grade World History at Pentucket Regional High School in West Newbury, MA, just minutes away from GDA. Before my teaching gig, I had the good fortune to work with **Dave Williams** (former history professor at GDA) at Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth, NH. I left teaching in the fall of 2000 to have our first son Henry (born 10-19-00). Henry is a very active two-year-old and I spend my days running after him as all of you who have survived toddlerhood can understand (makes me wish I had been more of an athlete in my youth). Last June we moved to a new home, also in Hampton, and Tom, who works for Cisco Systems, is able to work at home part-time when he isn't traveling for work or teaching at UMASS Lowell. We celebrated the birth of our second son last October 11. Thomas was born 13 minutes after we arrived at Portsmouth Hospital (no, I did not dawdle at home. I crawled from my tub to the car in record time for someone who is in transition. Active

labor was less than an hour). After a difficult first birth, this one was awesome, a pure gift and one that I wish for every woman (ok, not the part about transition in the back seat of a car doing 90 MPH, or the part about being forced to climb onto a stretcher while pushing and basically naked in full view of the packed ER waiting room. Skip that part if you can. And include some shoes in your overnight bag, just in case you end up crawling into the hospital without them as I did. And FYI, hospitals don't like it when you leave your car parked in a tow zone, running, with the doors open for any length of time - find a nice nurse to move it). Thomas is wonderful and we're all fine. I'd love to hear from old friends:knadeau@lucidvision.com." Let's all hope that Katie is not nine months pregnant at our reunion!!! Can you imagine what would happen if she was actually dancing?

Now for our next entry, **Dan Morison**. Getting notes from him is something like the Spanish Inquisition, if that gives you any indication of how demanding my job as secretary is!! Just kidding! Not the part about Dan, but the demanding part.

"We [Dan and Albina] bought another house about a mile away from the one we're in now. I sold the one I'm in and am still living there until the end of the month. We can't wait. It's a single family that needs no updating. So happy. Otherwise, everything is really good."

Now, **Charity Lombardi Simard** took the bait and responded with some news from MA: "You've enticed me! Although I have to say there is not much excitement going on to report in my world. No kids just yet. We seem to be falling behind the pack, but enjoying each other's company for now. [That would be that you are AHEAD of the pack, once you have kids you look longingly at couples who are out to dinner without a diaper bag and breast pads!] I'm going on six years with my current company - formerly Hasbro Interactive - now Infogrames. The one good thing about getting acquired by a French company is the added vacation. We're making and selling games for the PC, Sony PlayStation and Xbox. It's a great/fast-paced industry. Richard and I are looking forward to reunion. We are in touch with several GDA alums - and it will be great to catch up with the rest - and to meet everyone's "growing" families! See you soon, take care."

Kara Moheban McLoy is still keeping in touch with me in between vacations to the Caribbean: "Great to hear from you. Sorry that I didn't reply sooner - we just got back from Grand Cayman! Looking forward to seeing you. Jake sends his love to the girls. Stay warm." Everything in the note was so nice. Do you think that the "stay warm" comment was a little mean? She is probably so tan in that blizzard-blocked Boston office. I can remember the warm ocean and beautiful breeze from the Caymans, a very distant memory nowadays. VA has fared much better than the Northeast this winter, but it has even been cold for us!

Elizabeth Leary Strazzulla updates us: "Working away! Painting, sculpting and working on several children's books. Fortunately, Daniel (five-and-a-half months) is very cooperative! Best to all, see you in June." Finally, someone who actually follows directions.

Mark Edwards did too: "I currently have three boys, Daniel six years, Paul Ezra, four years, and Judah, seven months. My wife Jenny and I are extremely blessed by these active and imaginative boys."

Denny Hannon-Perera also has updated us from our first hearing of her pregnancy: "We had our first child December 21, 8 lb. 11 oz. His name is Matthew Deshan Perera. Needless to say it was the best holiday ever!" I do have to add, Denny, the holidays get better and better as they grow! Congratulations!

Andy Noel also sent a note. "Hello from Choate Rosemary Hall. The Noel family has grown with Lucy Noel almost four and Andrew IV, two. I am still working at Choate as an associate admissions director, hockey coach, and baseball coach. Looking forward to hopefully attending the 15th year reunion!" Now who does that really sound like... Mr. P?

I also got a great update from **Regina Glanzberg, D.V.M.**: "Hello! It's been a long time since I've written. All is well with me. I am a veterinarian in a group practice on Long Island - four doctors total. Last year, my partner Amy and I spent New Year's in Puerto Vallarta with six other couples in a gorgeous house overlooking the ocean. Then six weeks later my entire family vacationed in Jamaica to celebrate my mother's 70th birthday. Shortly after returning, we closed on our home, a 100-year-old Victorian, with a great granny porch. And we've been really busy since. Hoping to be at GDA in June. No kids to report yet. Just two cats and a new puppy this spring." WOW, now that is NEWS!! Could you have possibly packed any more stuff in only a few months? I have definitely tried!

Our very last update, from **Kristina von Trapp Frame** in CO who writes, "I'm only teaching skiing until the end of January this year as I will be having a baby around April 1. So if all goes as planned, Walt, the baby, and I will be at reunion in June. **Damon Kinzie** will be visiting us at the beginning of February to see the Winter X Games in Aspen. Should be a great time. **Tica [Barry]** and **Mike Lubin** are going to try to visit for a day from Longmont, CO if they can work it out with their two young boys and dogs. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion." It seems like we should really have the reunion in CO since there are so many of you out there! **Annie Weitzman Kandel** moved out to CO as well with her two children Abby and Matthew, and husband Anthony. Annie, I lost your card from Christmas with your contact info on it. Please call me!!!

I will be at GDA with my three girls. Alexis is in school now so she will have to be a few days in June. We are battling the flu in a big way down here and I will be so glad when spring finally arrives. I have been home since the beginning of the month as the flu sweeps through each of my girls, one at the time. It is amazing how used you get to sleeping through the night, and when you are up only for a few minutes you feel like you have been run over in the morning. I am glad that everyone I have heard from is really considering a visit to Byfield in June. I am sure you will not be disappointed. Our

10th reunion was a little rainy, a joke for those of you who came by boat to the gym, but was fun to see everyone again. It seems that as we get older we all have more in common and are more tolerant of each other's differences. I am sure that I am not alone in saying that I will look forward to seeing everyone from our class at reunion. It will truly be great to catch up in person. AND I WON'T HAVE TO TYPE IT!!!! Your faithful Secretary, Deana Giamette Boyages.

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Greetings, Class of '89! It is apparent through the numerous letters and emails that the harsh winter in the northeast provided many of our classmates with a little extra time to update us on the latest news in their lives.

Alison Magee Campbell and her husband recently celebrated their first year of marriage and will soon be the proud parents of a baby girl (hopefully by the time you read this)! Alison wasn't the only one to get hitched in 2002 as she attended the weddings of **Kerry Campbell Morrison '90**, **Carrie O'Keefe Hunter '89**, **Kathryn DiNanno Barbieri '90** and **Amy Goldstein Northup '87**. **Ashley Newbert** has been living in Newport, Rhode Island where until recently she was employed with Fidelity Investments. While she is currently attempting to figure out "what I want to do when I grow up," she has kept busy been taking some classes and learning new trades. **Ashley** keeps up with **Jessica Clapp** and **Kristin Brown**. Jessica continues to build her public relations business in Boston while Kristin is enjoying the overseas life in Singapore with her husband Aaron Hirsch.

Tina Hilliker was also a recent casualty of a "reduction in force." Tina has been doing technical recruiting for the last four-plus years and is looking at any and all reasonable opportunities. She is also in training for the San Diego Marathon that she will run in June to help raise money in the fight against leukemia. "If anyone knows anyone with

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leukemia or would like to donate to the cause they can make a contribution to: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - 4053 Maple Rd. Amherst, NY 14226 - with my name in the letter and/or check - Christina Hilliker. AND **Lisa Hernandez** is doing the Orlando run in January as well through leukemia!"

Rick Fox and his wife Jennifer have recently relocated to western Pennsylvania where he has accepted an appointment with the United States Forest Service. Rick's job is to develop "management alternatives" (i.e., what to cut and what not to cut) for the Allegheny National Forest. Prior to this new opportunity, Rick spent six-plus years doing environment and forestry-related work in Russia and also managed to pick up a Master's degree in Forest Science from Yale along the way. I received a great note from Nancy Fleming, the mother of **Dave Fleming**. If memory serves, Dave was at GDA for his sophomore year only. Dave's mom reports that "David" Fleming finished high school in Weston, MA and graduated from Wheaton College in 1993. He and his wife Kara live in Natick with their two-year old son, Aidan. The highlight of the note was learning that David is the author of a book, *Miss Mouse's House*, a fancifully illustrated poem about a young boy's dream. The book appeals to toddler-thru-elementary school aged children and can be a good read for parents to their kids. Best bet for finding it is Amazon.com. His second children's book is awaiting publication. David's current address is: 342 N. Main Street, Natick, MA 01760 and his email address: Dfleming@dresources.com.

Several classmates chose to update their news via the "Stay Connected" section of the GDA website, www.gda.org.

Hamish House and his wife Angela are the proud parents of a baby girl, Isabella. Hamish and his wife met while he was studying for his MBA in New Zealand.

Sepp Spenlinhauer and his partner have recently launched a new company, Eclectic Precision (www.eclectic-precision.com), out of their apartment in Crown Heights Brooklyn. Sepp also has an extra apartment next door in case anyone wants to come to New York City for a visit. Meanwhile, **Kevin Brewster** checked in after a recent trip to China: "Amazing trip. Went to Beijing and Shanghai. Love the country, now I start the arduous journey of

learning the language." For those that are counting, this is Kevin's second continental jump in the past year after previously traveling to Australia.

Jessica Pidgeon reports: "I am now living in Beijing, China. My husband Bill works for the U.S. Ambassador here. Life in China is amazing and so interesting. It is growing so rapidly, becoming a more modern city with of course, more modern pieces. We are looking forward to where we will go next in 2003. We should know by this summer."

As for yours truly, my wife Kelly and I continue work and play with our son Jack who just celebrated his second birthday. Jack's birthday present from his parents was notification that he'll be a big brother in September! Needless to say, Mom and Dad are a little more excited about this than Jack. Hopefully we'll be able to report on the new baby in time for the fall edition of the Archon!

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Yea! More great news from the Class of 1990. The first letter came from overseas.

Waveney Gooding writes in for the first time, 12 years since GDA. Waveney's welcome letter reads: "Well, I'm still in London, and have been working in Sports Marketing/Event Management for the past seven years - great fun and I've managed to work on some exciting projects that have allowed me to travel quite a bit, one of which being the BT Global Challenge (Round the World Yacht Race) which took me to Boston in '97, where I managed to catch up for an evening with **Kevin O'Handley**, **Margo Doyle Dhaliwal** and **Brian Rodgers**. However, that seems AGES ago now and haven't even managed to get back to the USA since. My main event now is The London Triathlon, so if anyone fancies taking part in Europe's largest Triathlon then give me a shout-August 3, 2003, so you've got time to train! Work aside, I got married two years ago to a great guy (slightly biased!) and we live in Pimlico, London - very central and near Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace etc, so no excuses for anyone not to call if you're in town.



Margo Doyle Dhaliwal '90 and her bridesmaid Shannon Davenport '90.

However, the downside is it's only a tiny one bedroom flat so unfortunately we can't put anyone up, but there's always a floor! We often talk about moving to NYC with Roddy's job in the banking world, but for now it's London - although we're about to take off for three weeks holiday to Asia visiting Hong Kong, Singapore, Vietnam & Cambodia - can't wait!" Waveney, I'm so happy to get response from you after all these years. I feel personally proud. Be sure to let us know when you do come back to the U.S. and especially if you decide to move to NYC. There are many alums there. And if anyone's in the London area: (waveney.thomson@sbi.co.uk).

Pete Longo also writes in for the first time since graduation. I'm so proud of the response! He's also living in Andover, working at a finance company. He keeps in touch with **Jon Lewis '91** and **Dave Graichen '91**, whom he's known for 30 years. He sometimes sees **Andy Tanton '91** when he's in Maryland visiting Dave. Thanks for your letter, Pete, and you must keep writing in.

Pete liked my idea of making stuff up about you all who don't write. Just wait and see.

Next, Ms. **Danielle Kealler** is now Mrs. Danielle Kealler Stancill. She was married last September in Hana, Maui, Hawaii and had a beautiful small wedding followed by a beautiful reception at her parents' home a month later. "It truly was beautiful and an easy, stress-free time (highly recommend the destination wedding). Ryan and I then moved to Atlanta, Georgia! We bought a condo and live in Midtown. So far, so good, we love it. I am still with Acis here and the transition was very smooth. The best part - no snow!" Congratulations Danielle, and what a great winter to move south!

Kim Roark was also married, on September 28, 2002 to Gary Trumble. He works with her at the University of Kentucky where she is the Director of Conferences and Trainings for the College of Social Work. She is also working on her Ph.D. in Math. Nice work, Kim, and many congrats!

Grayson Cunningham Coale writes with an update: "I am having fun with my baby Charlie who will be two on Feb 28.

Kathryn Di Nanno comes up a lot to play with us and entertain Charlie. He loves her and calls her 'Nanno'." Do you two still keep in touch with George and Charlie?

"**Alison McGee Campbell** is expecting in March so we all got together for her baby shower. We can't wait to see her baby girl in that pink jean jacket with ruffles. (HA HA)" Sounds cute!

Emily Pearl writes: "Happily married, living in N. Yarmouth, Maine with two beautiful stepchildren, three dogs, three cats and husband Todd. Created a wonderful animal boarding kennel (Brickyard Kennels) four-and-a-half years ago and it is still running strong. Occasionally enjoy summertime fun with the Lights. Ski and Fish as often as time permits. Play lots of doggie Frisbee!"

David Smith writes: "I am getting married August 9, 2003 to Kate McLain. Still teaching English at Landon School for Boys, david_smith @ Landon.net I am hoping to get a job in construction in N.H. for the summer. I am getting thin on top of my head and still recovering from ACL surgery."

Shannon Davenport writes: "Last



Sunil and Margo Doyle Dhaliwal '90 married in September in Bermuda

weekend, I broke off my front tooth in a sledding debacle. My friend ended up with four staples in her head. Years from now, she'll reach up and pull my tooth out of her scalp. Life is a journey - the adventure continues."

Brian Rodgers is the Head Assistant Lacrosse Coach at Hobart.

Chad Harlow is married to Kristen and teaching at University High School in San Francisco. **Billy Batchelder '91** and **Cat Tuthill Batchelder** recently had a baby boy. **Jocelyn Malik** is in an MFA program at Carnegie Mellon U.

Margo Doyle Dhaliwal's writes: "In the last Archon, **Kevin O'Handley** let you in on my recent news... I was married on September 28 in Bermuda to Sunil Dhaliwal. Sunil and I met at Georgetown over eight years ago. **Shannon Davenport** was one of my bridesmaids and joined us for the long weekend with her boyfriend Jay. Everyone asks why Bermuda... Just after our engagement, Sunil and I visited Bermuda for the first time and fell in love with the island. Facing months of arduous wedding planning, we thought a few follow-up planning trips to Bermuda would make it more fun!

We added a bit more complexity to our day by honoring both of our religions with Catholic and Sikh ceremonies. We headed off to Bali for our honeymoon and are now settling into married life and have just bought and moved into a townhouse in Cambridge."

Until next time, happy living and loving to you all! Thanks again for writing and keep it coming!

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I didn't hear from many of you this go around so it must be that you are all up to new and exciting ventures. With that being said, I expect that the next notes will be filled with all that has been happening. On to what I DO know, the big news from San Francisco is that **Catherine and Billy Batchelder** rang in the New Year with quite a party, actually a 7 lb. 12 oz. bundle, by the name of William Joseph Batchelder "Will" is

quite adorable (my own unbiased assessment) and keeping his parents busy and fairly deprived of sleep!

It seems that **Nate Britton** is also out West. Nate lives across the bay in Oakland where he is the Northern California Political Director for a non-profit lobby based in Berkeley. He finds himself in Northern California after living in Chile and in LA.

Bence Oliver tells me he is making his way west again. He left Boston to pursue a new job with Intrawest and will be heading to Squaw Valley where he will be doing business development, we hope sometime soon (or at least in time for us to take advantage of spring skiing). Over Christmas I was able to catch up with **Karen Queen**, who remains our legal eagle at Foley Hoag LLP, but in her off time can be seen in one of Boston Yoga's classes with our own Yoga extraordinaire, **Toby Levine**.

Alanna Caffrey says: "I have moved to Medford, MA and recently got engaged to Jasper Rosenberg – we are planning our wedding in Boston for September 2003!"

Catherine Burgess reports: "Recently moved back to the Boston area as the Regional Vice President for Evergreen Investments in the Southern New England area covering CT, MA, RI. Although I will miss the sun I am very excited to be back in New England."

Happy Spring!

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Hi everyone. It's always a treat to get mail, so keep the postcards and emails coming. It sounds like 2003 is treating everyone pretty well.

Justin Philbrick reports in from Fremont, NH that his Assisted Living Facility is up and running. Good luck to you with that, Justin! Also taking care of people is **Alie Derderian** who reports that she's an RN working in pediatrics. She's loving her job and living in Methuen. Alie sends her love out to **Tom Forcier**, **Todd Amodeo '91**, **Rory Cullen '91**, **Liza Loughman '91**, **Bethany Stewart '91**, and **Keith Himmer '91**. **Sam Nickerson** writes in

from the University of Chicago, where he's in the MBA program. He's not sure where he'll end up when he finishes, but feels drawn back to the East Coast like the rest of us. To quote Sam, "Salmon always return to the stream where they are spawned..." But I'm confused – I thought you lived in Alaska? In any event, good luck to you upon graduation!

So nice to hear from **Meghan Thayer Pound** who spent her freshman year with us, torturing Ms. Bailey upstairs in Phillips! Meghan is married with a two-year-old son, and is expecting another baby in July. Congratulations!! Meghan wrote in to try and get in touch with **Dara Shain** – so Dara, if you're out there – write to Meghan at PO Box 220, Tenants Harbor ME 04860.

More news on the baby front: **Nicole Bellaire Downer** is expecting her second baby, who will join the most adorable baby that we all got to meet at reunion. Nicole, Chris, and the kids will move into a bigger home this winter!

Hopefully by the time the Archon gets printed, **Grace Jeanes** will be in her new home in Dunstable. The house building project is going slowly but should be done by late spring. Grace went to a holiday party this winter hosted by **Christina Morse Williams** and caught up with **Erin Elwell Rich**, **Brooke Whiting**, and **Sally Simpkins**. Another highlight of Grace's winter was a ski trip at Mount Tremblant in Quebec.

I heard from a couple of hockey players this winter ... **Toby Harris** has retired from professional hockey and is running a youth hockey program in northern New Jersey. He was also selected to coach the NJ elite 1987 team in the Toronto Showcase Draft tournament. You can catch up with Toby at Tobyh19@hotmail.com. And, word came in from a couple of former northern New Jersey All-Stars – **Devin Sullivan** is working for a real estate investment firm in Boston, and recently saw Mr. Moonves at a wedding in Chicago.

Another ex-New Jerseyite, **Chris Ruggiero**, reports that things are going well in Boston.

Also in Boston, **Amy Daniels** is planning her wedding for August of 2003, to be held at GDA. Amy is still working at the Prudential Center in Boston and loving city life.

Amy and Sandra Watson '93 help



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me navigate my way around Boston these days when I make the trip home. I've been having a great time out here in Colorado.

I've been able to see **Candice Denby** a lot, although she's spent about every free minute of the winter on her snowboard. The winter here has been terrific, and much warmer than on the East Coast!

Joseph Montminy is Assistant State Attorney, office of the State Attorney, Dade County (Miami) Florida.

What a nice surprise to hear from **Eliot Orton**. Eliot has been all over the country - graduating from the University of Denver in '96, returning to New York City and then Connecticut. Now he's back in Vermont working for the family business, The Vermont Country Store, with his brothers **Cabot '88** and **Gardner '90**.

I hope that you all enjoy the spring, and keep in touch! Thanks for writing.

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I am digging out from under feet of snow in New England after yet another winter storm. It makes me wonder whether the snow will have melted by the time reunion comes around in June. I am sure we will be fine but there are some people who already know they won't be able to make it for our 10th year Reunion Weekend. I hope many of the rest of you will be there! In the meantime, here is what some of you are up to:

Katie Mack is still living in San Francisco, working at a hospital in the Labor and Delivery Unit. She has applied to graduate school to get a Master's in Counseling: Marriage and Family Therapy. If accepted, Katie would stay on the west coast for another two years. Either way, it doesn't look like she will be around for reunion.

Nellie Godfrey is going to be at her sister's wedding in North Carolina over reunion weekend. She is all revved up for our 15th year reunion, though! Nellie is still in law school and waitresses in Boston a few nights a week. Though she is awfully busy, she has had time to get together with **Stash Karandanis** and his girlfriend, who moved to Beacon Hill last fall, as well as **Mike Nadeau** (who won't be able to come to reunion cause he is in a wedding that weekend.) Nellie often has **Ilse Abusamra** stay with her during the week, as Ilse is temporarily working for Harvard assisting with Admissions work.

Seems as though there are a couple of people who won't make it to reunion due to **Lissa Murnane's** wedding! **Saundra Watson** is one of them. She wrote that she has a vacation in the meantime but other than that, things are the same!

I mentioned last time that **Martin LaPerriere** was married last year. He and his wife had a great time on their honeymoon, traveling both coasts in Florida. They have since moved eight hours north of Montreal where temperatures can be well below zero. (What are you THINKING!?) This was a great opportunity for his hockey coaching career. He has been to visit his parents in NYC a few times and says hello to everyone.

It seems that **Coral Rabey** has finally made her big move as well, to Guernsey, UK. Her address is: Les Landes Clos. Landes Du Marche. Vale, Guernsey. GY6 8DJ. UK. Though back in San Francisco now, **Anne Olney** spent a year studying in London at Sotheby's Institute of Art. In California, she is now working at the Hearst Museum of Anthropology at UC Berkeley.

I wish I were in California will all this snow, but I just returned from a trip to, where else? Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. And where am I working? Same place - Pinnacle Group, recruiting for financial service executives nationwide. Surprise, surprise. I am not the only one digging out though. **Jill Hindle** has to have had a snowy winter in Huntington, VT. Apparently, she can step out her front door and ski for miles. For now, Jill is attempting to live a writer's life, "poor and inspired." She is freelancing for local publications and working on a chil-



Derek '93 and Kristen (Hand) Ambrosi's '93 daughter Madison

dren's book. Jill suggested that those of you with children might be interested. So, Ingrid. Pay Attention!

Ingrid Eilertson Cunney is still working to establish her daycare facility but now has two of her own children to care for... She had a baby girl on September 15, 2002 and named her Rosemary Abigail.

Due to her family duties, looks like **Karen Filip Rees** won't be attending Reunion in June. She is a stay-at-home mom of two very spirited children: three-year-old Lyndon and six-month-old Carson. Her husband is working full-time and attending Johns Hopkins to get his MBA, so there just isn't a lot of free time! Karen asked me to mention that she is still looking to find **Heather Smith's** contact information. Perhaps trying to find a babysitter? There could be one Class of 1993 baby that we do get to meet at reunion- Madison Ambrosi. Madison turned one last November.

Derek and Kristen Hand Ambrosi are planning to be in Byfield this June. At least there will be a pediatric nurse on board in the event we should need one.

Jody Dan is living in Andover, MA and works at Children's Hospital in Boston. She is engaged to Justin Hayes (Brooks, '93) and they appear to be planning a 2004 wedding.

Chris Yeagley says: "I will be getting

married on May 17 to Maria Isabel Acosta. We are looking for apartments right now and are looking forward to the end of the winter!"

I spoke on the phone with Dana Pascucci this afternoon. He is going to be able to make it to reunion and is excited to be able to reconnect with friends he hasn't seen or spoken to in a long time. In the meantime, he and his wife are living in New York City (he was married last May) and he works at Schwab. Dana wanted to say hello and hopes that everyone is well.

I thank those of you who wrote in but reunion will mark the end of my term as Class Secretary. We would like to ask anyone who is interested to be the new Class Secretary to contact Sandy Keyes (skeyes@gda.org). But before I go, I had to share a class note I received from a classmate: "Please remove me from your mailing list." Sorry – you will have to ask the next Secretary if that is possible. As far as I am concerned, if you got a diploma from GDA, you get a postcard! And with that, I say "Adios! See you at Reunion."

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Peter Bragdon with Josh Manring '94 in Naples, Florida.

Melissa King is back from abroad, teaching biology, marine biology and AP environmental science and coaching varsity ice hockey this winter at Miss Porter's School in CT.

John Markos is working for a direct marketing firm in Andover, MA. He's looking for golfers who want to play in the "Lynne Markos Memorial Golf Outing" to benefit colon cancer research. Last year, they raised \$17,032.15. They are shooting for 25K this year so anyone who's interested should email John at MarkosJohn@hotmail.com. The date of the benefit will be August 18, 2003.

Michael Nannis and his wife Sherry are now the proud parents of Andrew Michael who was born on August 5, 2002. They currently live in Derry, NH but are looking to sell and move in the spring. If anyone wants to contact Mike, call, (603) 235-4987. **Kelly Philbrick Eason** is living in Santa Barbara and got married this past year to Leif Eason whom she had been dating for seven-and-a-half years. They are expecting a baby in April. As for me, I just finished writing my second "Drew Carey Show" script, so I'm really excited. Hope everyone's well and looking forward to hearing from more of you next Archon...

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Amy Collins writes that she has recently left her job in the alumni office of Harvard Business School to join "Restore the North Woods" as a fundraiser and lobbyist. Her new organization is trying to protect 3.2 million acres of Maine woodland by making it into a national park. Amy has al-



Ashley Russell Krasinski '95 and her husband Paul on their wedding day, June 22, 2002

ready made one trip to Washington, DC to talk to legislators but her main task is to help raise the \$5 an acre needed to buy the timberland from the paper company that owns it. She says "hi" to all her former classmates and teachers and has fond memories of her years at GDA.

Eric Whittier reports: "I just wanted to update the class on my whereabouts. I am in my third year of medical school in Philadelphia. It is nice to be out of the classroom and into the clinics and hospitals. Applying what I have learned in the first two years is exciting, and seeing real patients is much more fun than reading about them in books. I recently had the opportunity to catch up with **Lou Olerio** while he was in town for some business. He is doing well and enjoying life down in Dallas."

Dana Coholan says: "I know I haven't written in a long time, so here's what's going on! I just moved into a great townhouse near Ft. Lauderdale, FL. I'm in law school and loving it! In my spare time I'm using my teaching experience (I was a teacher before

law school) to tutor underprivileged second grade children in a nearby school. I'm engaged to my longtime boyfriend David and absolutely thrilled! Life is great."

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Jason Greenberg writes that he is still living in NYC and working in television production. He left CBS full-time to freelance in sports and news. If anyone is in NYC and wants to get in touch with Jason, he can be reached at 212-765-4998 or at jgreenb@yahoo.com.

Aaron M. Sells writes that he just took a job with the New England Patriots football team as the marketing coordinator and so he was just out in San Diego to watch the Pats play and got to see Mark Grave, Preston Picardi, and Archie Kashnet. He is also taking graduate classes at Tufts University and he sends everyone his best.

Brian Rybicki's opening line is that he has been working about 75 hours a week at American Express Financial Advisors "and who thought that there was a slump in the capital markets industry" and things are going well. Brian and his girlfriend have been living in Harvard Square for about a year and he runs into Dan DiPietro, Aaron Sells, Scotty C., and Randlett.

Raymond Long writes that he is still living in NYC and working for Accenture. He hangs out with Jason Greenberg every once in a while in the city and he spent a week in Europe on vacation in August. He visited Paris, London, Geneva, Como (north of Milan), Venice, Florence, Siena, Pompei, Sorrento, and Rome, basically to sum it up every nook and cranny in Italy.

Jason Randlett throws a shout out to the Class of '96 and says that he is still living

with Aaron Sells and Dan DiPietro in Boston. He says that Dan just took a job with Liberty Books and he is one of the head bartenders at the 'Ram Rod' in Boston.

Janna Panall De Risi writes that she got married last September and is headed out to Buffalo for Kate Manzella's wedding, which should be a GDA reunion of sorts for the gals in our class. She is still living in Greenwich, but she is no longer working. She is now in training to be a full-time mom! Darren and Janna are expecting their first child in the first week of April. She says that it was totally unplanned, but totally amazing. She actually had an ultrasound this week and saw the baby moving all over the place. The doctor told her she better get ready because this one looks like a mover and a shaker - not suprising since she was always so full of energy! She had her last wild weekend of fun (little did she know) in July at Katie Renna's house out on Fishers Island along with Mara. She found out the following Monday, which was her birthday, that she was pregnant after consuming more than her share of adult beverages over the course of the weekend.

Jorge Flores writes that things have been going well for him lately. The year started off with the purchase of a home that he calls his own in a Los Angeles suburb. He is really happy about his decision to purchase a house. Fortunately, work has been going well for him given these tough times. He has managed to stay chargeable this entire year so that has helped secure my job (at least for the time being). I am not sure if everyone understands the chargeability concept, but I am glad to say that none of the GDA boys at Accenture has lost this job and that is definitely saying something with these economic times. He recently went to Spain on a seven-week business trip and he stayed in Madrid working hard most of the time, but did get to enjoy some of the touristy spots within the city and in neighboring towns. He visited the Boston area this past Labor Day weekend to see his good friend Kavy Yesair marry his beautiful wife, Kelly. I would like to give my congratulations to Kavy.

During his stay he got a chance to hang out with Ray Long and Andy Ramirez who are both doing quite well. He is not

sure how the rest of the year will turn out, but he plans to take a trip to Mexico and visit family in mid-October. Jorge posed the following question: "Has anybody experienced the club scene in Guadalajara, Mexico - it's incredible?"

Michael Silverio reports that not much is happening. "I've gotten into Yoga. Getting ready to take the GMAT in the winter."

Lamar Robinson reports: "I got engaged in July and the wedding is planned for sometime next fall. My other good news is that my fiancé and I are expecting a baby girl on 12/31/02 (hope she comes early). I moved to Newark, NJ and am working in Morristown, NJ. I talk to Ray Long all the time. Talk to you later."

Lastly, as for me Jeff LaBelle, I am still living in Chicago and am actually headed out to Las Vegas next weekend for an international hockey tournament. I am expecting that a group of 1000 hockey players hitting Vegas might be a good time. I have been keeping in touch with Todd Walters who is still living out in San Francisco and Jerry Vasicko who is still chillin' in Milwaukee. Jerry, team SWATNESS is going straight to the top. I hope that everyone is doing well. Cheers!

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Hello everyone! It's been great to hear from all of you. I'm so impressed with what everyone is doing!

Keith Blades has been living in the North End in Boston, splitting his time between bartending and studying at Northeastern, where he'll be finishing his degree this year. Keith is looking forward to escaping the bar business in the fall and starting out in sales. Keith reports he sees many

GDA graduates on a weekly basis with the likes of **Brian Crowe '95**, **Aaron Sells '96** and the rest of the Boston bunch.

Colleen Christopher is currently coaching Women's Lacrosse at Brown. She writes that the team is gearing up for the preseason so things are starting to get a little hectic in the office. Colleen is playing for the U.S. Development Lacrosse Team and preparing for the World Cup, which will be held here in the US in 2005. Colleen is now living in Boston, but will probably move to Providence, RI this summer.

Lin Curtis writes in from London, where she is getting her Master's in International Business at Regents Business School. She loves London and hopes to secure a job in luxury fashion business or finance when she graduates.

GM VanCott is living in LA along with many of our classmates such as **Brandi Hall**, **Astrid Garcia**, **Piper Gore**, **Kathy May**, **Julia Davis**, and **Jason Richter**. GM just moved into a house with Jason Richter in Redondo Beach. GM spends much of his time writing and balancing different freelance sports writing and screenwriting jobs. He's getting ready for a steady job in production and script reading.

Julia Davis graduated from the San Francisco Art Institute and moved to LA, where she and some of her classmates opened an art gallery. She also works as a graphic designer. Julia recently applied to Master's in Fine Arts programs for this upcoming fall.

Kathy May and I visited Julia's art gallery/living space over the holidays, and it was really cool!

Astrid Garcia just returned to LA from studying in El Salvador on a Fulbright Scholarship. Congratulations, Astrid!

Brandi Hall is still living in LA and working hard as an account executive in advertising. She enjoyed the holiday season with the **Goldworms** in London. She is currently working with **Jason Richter** to create a California chapter of the GDA Alumni Society. Brandi is having a great time with all of the GDA '97 graduates who now live in LA. It's always nice to meet up with Brandi when I'm home in LA!

Kathy May is now Kathy Soliven! She is married and has two children Ethan (age 1) and Amanda (age 4). She and her family live in LA. I've seen her kids and they are super cute! Kathy is a stay-at-home mom

and spends her days with her children. Kathy is also president of the parents' committee at Amanda's preschool. Kathy and the family plan to head to Boston later this year to visit family and enjoy a nice vacation.

Jason Richter is working as a financial consultant/advisor at American Express.

Dawn Goldworm is freelancing for Vogue in London.

Sam Goldworm is working for a company called GoldenWare and also working for a large cancer market research company in New York. She is currently applying to graduate school.

Adam Doorly writes that things are going well for him in sunny Florida, where he absolutely loves the weather! He met up with the Goldworms in New York City over the summer and also hung out with Rothy. Adam saw Drew sometime but lost his phone number, so Adam requests that Drew call him at 561-644-2255. Adam sees **Kevin Bromby** when he's back in the Boston area. Adam wishes everyone well!

Moritz Elkman sends much love from Germany. He is currently studying economics at Kiel, which is located in the north of Germany. Moritz spent last year in Geneva, Switzerland where he was able to take advantage of the awesome skiing and practice his French. He plans to visit GDA this May and then work in Washington this summer.

Susan Gilberg is living in Washington, DC and working for an organization called "Hillel." She works on college campuses doing Israel advocacy, travels to Israel regularly, and does young adult programming. Susan will finish her job this May and return to the Boston area. She will definitely miss DC, and more than that, miss living close to her brother **Jeff Gilberg '96**, who is at the University of Maryland Law School and her younger sister **Jamie '00**, who is at the George Washington University.

Our beloved class president, **Brandon Keith**, writes in from Syracuse, NY. Brandon received his Master's in Economics from Syracuse University and has now joined the working world. Brandon would like everyone to know that he's "pissed" he couldn't make it home for Reunion Weekend. He was really looking forward to seeing everyone again, but school was pretty hectic and the trusty Pulsar died a few years ago. Brandon would like everyone to email him at bjkeith@maxwell.syr.edu.

Hilary Knight is living and working in



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London. She is doing ABA therapy with an autistic child. Hilary has been doing a lot of traveling – she went to Cairo again before Christmas. In London, she spends here time seeing lots of theater and going to museums.

Jodi Leverone is in her first year at Dartmouth Medical School and enjoying it!

Rachel Lipman is a second year law student at Boston College. Rachel loves being in school, although it may be challenging at times. Rachel is looking forward to BC's annual "Law Revue," a comical musical where BC law students make fun of law school, lawyers, and themselves. Rachel will be the singing lawyer for the day!

Meta Mason is living in the Boston area and pursuing a Master's in Biology at Tufts University. I visited Meta in Boston about a year ago – it was so great to spend time with my old roommate!

Mara McManus writes in from beautiful Steamboat, CO. She moved out west this summer with her best friend from the University of Vermont. Mara reports the snow and sunshine make for unbelievable hiking, snowboarding, and snowshoe trips. She hopes everyone is doing well!

Melissa Rosen is living in Cambridge, MA and doing a post-Bachelor's work-study at Tufts University, where she occasionally runs into **Meta Mason**. Melissa works at a local hospital in their detoxication unit. In addition, she keeps herself busy with rehearsals for the *Vagina Monologues*. She plans to attend medical school.

Jessie Gannet is living in Claremont, NH and teaching fourth and fifth grade special education. She is also a teacher in a fifth grade classroom. Jessie writes that she's never been happier, but she's also never been more tired! She loves the people in the field and sees herself working in education for quite awhile. Jessie sends much love to everyone.

Nicole Suggs is working for State Street Corporation in Boston. She is currently applying to business school for this upcoming fall. Nicole reports that she ran into classmate

Yuri Piatetski this past October. Yuri works about a block from Nicole at Brown Brothers Harriman and is living in Boston.

Nichelle Warren is living in Chicago and currently working in market research. She hopes everyone is doing well!

As for me, **Sandy Padilla**, life here in Washington DC is going well. I moved out here after Stanford and I've been working at a non-profit called The Urban Institute, researching various social policy issues. I've decided to apply to law school this fall, meaning I need to start studying for the LSAT! I look forward to keeping in contact with all of you. Definitely email me and let me know what's going on! If you're ever in the Washington DC area, my door is always open. I hope all is well!

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Hello from frozen Brighton! Notes



From the 1998 Milestone: (standing) Ingrid, Tia, Emily, Megan, and Myla; (sitting) Shorty

were sparse this round, my dears. However since I am living in Boston I have had the pleasure to actually see a lot of you.

David Chapman did write in. He said he is just finishing the most boring part of his life at a conference center in Maine. Now he is heading out west to begin another journey. He also reports that he "lost 115 lbs. on the Subway diet." Well done, Dave, well done!

Sarah Turner reports: "Hello everyone! My first year out has been an adventurous one. I joined a company that allows me to teach and travel. It's a perfect right-out-of-college job. I've seen much of the south including Boca Raton, FL; Birmingham, AL; and Memphis, TN. I'm off to Albany, NY after the holidays and then back to Australia (where I left my heart after studying abroad). I'll be back in time for reunion, though! I can't wait to see y'all. Have fun the remainder of the year pursuing your dreams."

Jackie Downing says: "I live in Washington, DC and work for Greenpeace USA. I basically get paid to travel around raising hell to save the planet, and I love it. My dad is quitting his job and joining the Peace Corps. Life just keeps getting more interesting. Peace.

Another world is possible."

Ken William writes all the way from Vienna, Austria, where he is in his third year studying Business Administration. He tells everyone that he "would be more than happy if any of you guys have a chance to pass by and say hello." I have run into both **Chris Pendergast** and **Jill Welenc** on the T. Chris is currently in grad school at Berklee and Jill was headed for a job interview when I saw her, but also working at Restoration Hardware. Then there is the happy reunion committee.

Hilary St. Jean moved in down the street from me, as well.

Adelle Lilly is currently substitute teaching in Newbury and **Claire Shearman** is working for the new governor of New Hampshire. I am still living with **Jessica Savage**, who works in the Development Office at the Rivers School. I am an educator at the New England Aquarium. I go out to elementary schools and teach kids about whales, sharks, penguins and tidepools. Way to use my history degree! In related news: we have launched a nation wide manhunt for some several lost members of the class. Read the list and be amazed, these are people that I NEVER would have expected to be lost: **Tyler Burns**, **Anthony David**

DiCicco, Rachel Gilbert, Toni Karbe. This is a serious matter, folks. Anyone with any information on the whereabouts of these persons should contact me or the Development Office ASAP. How else will we invite them to reunion?

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Sarah Avalon reports: "Life as a college student is wrapping up, but now I am preparing myself to continue school from an entirely different perspective, as a teacher. Mount Holyoke has been and continues to be just the right place to expose me to inspiring, passionate, devoted professors and especially students – a perfect continuation of GDA. I love to keep in touch! Email me at: seavalon@mtholyoke.edu."

James Meniates is in the home stretch of senior year at Rollins College in Florida. Looking forward to finishing up and heading back to MA.

Lindsay Gadd says: "I have returned to Colorado College this year after being abroad in Freiburg, Germany all last year. I will be graduating in May. Like most, I'm not quite sure where I will be living or what I'll be doing. I saw **Andrew Therriault**, **Joel Crawford**, **Cal Noblitt**, **Greg Moore** and **Joann Nuygen** over Christmas break and they all are doing well. Best wishes to everyone!"

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Catherine Correia reporting in: I am currently in Edinburgh, Scotland studying at the U. of Edinburgh. I am having a fantastic time. The city is beautiful and lots of fun. I have traveled to the Highlands and to Dublin, and have a four-week tour of Europe planned for my spring break.

A few weeks ago **Eve Seamans** came down from St. Andrews and hung out with me for the day here in Edinburgh. Eve still loves studying here in Scotland. I am planning on going up there this coming weekend. I am hoping she can arrange a Prince William sighting!

Jamie Gilberg is studying in London this semester and says it's amazing. She's traveled to Paris, but says time is flying by so fast. Jamie's semester will be done the beginning of March.

Madeline Scheintaub is studying in Germany this semester, and just as Jamie is leaving Europe, Madeline should just be arriving.

Annie Rickley also wrote to say she is studying abroad. She is in Vienna, Austria and loves it. She just spent 10 days traveling around Germany and is currently looking forward to classes even though they are all in German! She will also be teaching English in a local school. Annie also wrote that she is missing BC but is very glad she decided to study abroad and hopes everyone is well.

Elizabeth Tomasino writes: "I recently did my junior recital which went very well. I am planning on studying in Italy this summer. I am working in a genetics lab, determining the entire sequence of the tilapia genome (a fish). I am planning on doing a senior thesis next year in genetics. I am really busy but the lure of Italy is keeping me going through the semester."

Gretchen Gee is enjoying her second semester at Wheelock College in Boston and is currently planning to meet up with Elizabeth in Italy after she is done with classes there this summer.

Charles Taylor also wrote that he will be studying abroad this summer. He is planning on doing the summer semester in London. Currently at GW, Charles has

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moved into a new apartment and loves it. He is playing golf and hockey for the university.

Katie Graham writes: "I'm in my third year at UVA. The Media Studies Program is so much work but I'm learning a lot and managing to have a pretty good time while I'm at it. This summer I'm heading up to New York City for an internship at CBS News. I'm really excited about that." I can't wait to hear how her summer in NYC goes.

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The class of 2001 continues to journey on, unrelenting with its intentions set on progress. Every day spent advancing through the motions of life apart from GDA makes us appreciate the remarkable things we and our fellow classmates achieved and will accomplish in the future. The testimony lies in our stories of today:

Everyone's dear friend **Maria Moore** reports enthusiastically of her studies in culinary school. She's been taking classes such as meat-cutting, nutrition, beverage service, and other related topics. She is currently making plans for an externship this summer anywhere in the world that she pleases. One might say the world is her oyster.

Catherine Whitney sends word from Dickinson. Cheerful as always, she is having a wonderful time there. She recently joined the sorority Pi Beta Phi and is getting very involved in her community. Catherine of course misses everyone, and hopes everyone is having as good a time as she.

I was blessed with a brief chat with the beautiful **Sheana Tucker**, who is still attending Bates as a psychology major. She apparently spent her February break interning at GDA with Miss Ruhl. She now has fleeting thoughts of possibly returning to GDA after

college to teach and coach. She too wishes all her best.

Benjamin Mitchell sends word from Wheaton College. He says there's not much new to recount at the time, but that life goes on. In between keeping up with his studies, he is also functioning as a writing tutor. Still, he is making plans to go abroad to Italy and France this coming year. As friendly as always, he "gives a shout out to everyone and hopes they are all doing well."

News from St. Lawrence finds **Dan Lee** and **Mike Zbriger** back to rooming with each other after a semester apart. They're sharing an apartment with a group of hockey players, one being another former GDA student, **Russ Mazgut**. Zbriger spends most of his time on the ice with the St. Lawrence Hockey team, and earlier this February scored his first D1 goal, not to mention the game winner. Dan has recently been putting a lot of time into organizing a mentoring program, as well as filling the esteemed position of Vice President for the class of 2005. Both Dan and Mike give a shout out.

As for me, it's been quite a ride this last year. I still have hopes of becoming an astronaut, and am majoring in Aerospace Engineering. Any time not spent doing Differential Equations and Physics is devoted to fulfilling my duties as an RA. I've also been working a security desk on campus, as well as refereeing high school wrestling. I'm looking forward to spending a month this summer in London and Paris doing a comprehensive study of the development of Modern Physics, without neglecting the usual European festivities. My sincere thanks to those of you who wrote, and I hope that this year has found everyone else in good spirits as well. Best of luck in all of your endeavors, and keep in touch. No one has fun like the Class of 2001!

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Despite having only been away from Byfield a little less than a year there was a great response to the request for updates on how everyone is getting along out in the world beyond GDA, which is a great sign.

As always, **Marienna Murch** is keeping herself busy. She wrote that despite "the good old New England weather" of this winter's she is enjoying life at Harvard where she is living in an ideal location in the Yard. She remains active in Harvard Model Congress and chaired the Historical Committee at this winter's conference and had **Maria Knapp '03** and **Andrew Samel '03** in her group. She also traveled to Paris with HMC in March to help run the conference there. She saw a lot of **Justin Reese**, **Lars Bjork**, and **Andrew Storm** last summer and says that "Harvard is a lot like a big GDA in some ways, so I never feel that far removed." Her new email is murch@fas.harvard.edu

Delia Cox wrote that she is enjoying life at University of Maryland and is both excited and nervous about the start of her

first season on the girls lacrosse team there.

Marj Searles writes in that life at Ohio University is "nice and rather slow paced at times." She has also taken up fencing and is on the team there.

Angela Romano wrote that she is having a great time at Bentley, the work is keeping her busy, her roommate is great, and not surprisingly, she loves her new softball team. It's hard to forget how much Angela loved softball. She is also planning on heading to Florida for a week of spring training with her team.

Rachelle Dennis wrote that, "I have finished my first semester at Colgate and can't believe how long it's been since we jumped over the wall...I see **Chris McInnis** almost every day and we often reminisce about GDA. I am also very involved in many dance groups on campus."

Lauren Marsh says she loves Gettysburg and that she and her roommate are getting along great. She saw a lot of **Jenna Binelli** and **Abby Jastrezbski** over Christmas break and also had a chance to see one of **Gabe Winer's** hockey games when UMass was playing at Merrimack College. She says, "I see **Joe Caccitore '00** and **Peter Dervan '99** around campus. It's nice to see some old faces in a new place. **Sam Talbot** is keeping busy at UVM where she is skiing

whenever she can and is also on equestrian team. She says, "I've seen **Delia Cox** and **Davy Mullins** who is playing hockey for St. Michael's right around the corner."

Rachel Manikian is loving Tulane and New Orleans. She's showing off her singing skills regularly at an amateur night on Bourbon Street and is always really busy with her sorority Phi Beta Phi. She writes, "**Allison Sparks** came down from Atlanta for Mardi Gras and we had a blast...I am in two community service groups. GDA feels like another life time ago. I MISS OUR CLASS."

Paige MacLennan wrote: "I love my school and couldn't be happier...I've met the most amazing people here at Union." She is also planning on spending a term abroad in France next fall.

Diana Cousins is continuing with her passion for theatre and singing at Fordham. She wrote: "I recently went on tour with my singing group in Philly, D.C., Providence, and Boston and I was cast in a small role in 'The Wiz' here at Fordham." She is hoping to audition with some small theatre companies in the near future and says, "I miss the quiet country life sometimes, but NYC Rocks!"

Felix Elkmann says: “I am finishing school this spring, finally! In October I will be attending Freiburg University, great city. If anybody is around in Germany, just stop by. Party in Germany is always good. Have a good time!”

Lars Bjork writes that he worked with **Justin Reese** at Brantwood Camp last summer and that he is “having fun out here in sunny California at Occidental.” He also saw **Marienna Murch** and **Maria Moore '01** over break. As for me, England has been going great. I have made a lot of good friends here and preparation for my A-levels is keeping me really busy. I have had the opportunity to do a lot of traveling on my breaks and I saw **Felix Elkmann** and **Moritz Picot** in Germany just before Christmas. We had a great time catching up and chatting about the old days back at GDA. I got back to Boston in February just in time for the record snowfall (It doesn't snow at all where I am in Britain.) and I saw **Ted Chen, Robb Morgan**, and **Yuri Samsonov** while at home. Until next time. Also a reminder that you can add your email adress to our class page on the Staying Connected portion of the Alumni page of the GDA website.

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Warren S. Lane '27, died on January 8, 2003 in Washington, North Carolina. Lane graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business and spent his career in the footwear industry in the Boston area. He retired as vice president and national sales manager of the Stetson Shoe Co. in 1967. A veteran of World War II, Lane served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He was married to the late Jacqueline Bowers Isanogle, and is survived by his daughters, Susan Lane Fuss and her husband Doug, and Priscilla Lane Jarman and her husband Cecil, and four grandchildren.

J. Lyman Belknap '33, of Wolfeboro, NH, died on November 23, 2002 of cancer.

William Dodge '35, died on Dec. 13, 2002 in Westerly, RI.

Due to an editorial error, the Fall Archon listed John G. Dowse '47 as recently deceased. The obituary should have read as follows:

Orrin "King" Dowse PG'39 died in July 2002 in West Chicago, IL. Dowse graduated from Colgate University, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and then worked for the Buick Division of General Motors and the Norris Grain Company of Chicago. He is survived by a brother, John G. Dowse '47, and several nieces and nephews.

Phillip D. Shea '41, died on December 10, 2002 in Marblehead, MA. He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Noyes Gould; a son, Phillip D.G. of Westport, Nova Scotia; a daughter, Ina-Louise Henkin of Radnor, PA; and three grandchildren. Shea, a graduate of Harvard University, Yale University's Institute of Far East Languages, and the University of Geneva's Institute of International Studies, was formerly senior vice-president of ITT-Sheraton Corporation and the Associated Press editor in Boston. He served as a captain in the Air Force during World War II and in Korea.

Edgar Potter Maxson '46, died on November 11, 2002 at the age of 84 from Alzheimer's disease.

Donald Blodgett '50, of Swamscott died during the summer of 2002. A graduate of Bowdoin and president of Blodgett and Co., he is survived by his wife Alice and children Ruth, Amy, Elizabeth, and D. Ward.

Robert B. Fisher '50, of Bethlehem, PA died November 22, 2002. A graduate of Lehigh University and an Army intelligence officer in the Korean War, Fisher was a credit manager for Bethlehem Steel Corp. before retiring in 1992. Fisher is survived by his wife, Phyllis S. (Stewart) Fisher; a son, Robert B. Jr.; daughters Allison Armstrong, Elizabeth Fisher and Susan Renaldi; and three grandchildren.

Robert P. Shaw, Jr. '54, died December 24, 2002 in Bath, ME. Shaw graduated from Nichols Junior College and served in the

U.S. Army before working as a timekeeper for the Bath Iron Works. He is survived by an aunt and cousins.

Keith MacNutt '59, died on September 26, 2002 in Rochester, NH. A graduate of Northeastern University, MacNutt was a supervisor for Naesco in Seabrook, NH.

David J. Pearsall '64, died on September 18, 2002 in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. He was the husband of Terry Pearsall, the son of Jean Robertson of Delray Beach, FL and the late David Pearsall, and the stepson of retired Navy Capt. E. L. Robertson. He leaves a daughter, Jessilyn Pearsall; three sons, DJ, Tony and Jimmy Pearsall, all of St. Thomas; a brother, Dusty Pearsall of Stuart, FL; and a sister, Pam Pearsall of Washington. A graduate of American University, Pearsall was a former officer in the Navy and a businessman in the Virgin Islands.

C. Spencer Knapp '66 of Rochester, NY, died January 29, 2003 after a long illness. A graduate of Denison University, he worked as an advance man at the White House during the Ford and Bush administrations. He is survived by cousins and many good friends.

Alonzo A. Gay, '70, died on January 15, 2003 in Cleveland, Ohio at the age of 51. He leaves his brother, Donald F. Gay Jr. '67.



To Touch, To See, To Feel...

I long to taste the ocean by running my fingers through it. I long to hear its waves and smell its salt by looking at it. I long to experience everything around me as if one sense were missing; I owe at least this much to Kevin.

Our home is so close to the ocean that when the tides change and winds shift, the air in our house smells of sand and salt. I am nothing without this unexplained therapy, little more than a helpless girl. Its smell is enticing, its taste sharp. Its sight is comforting, its touch smooth. But my ocean would be quite different if I were not able to hear its gentle, unknowing voice whisper to me. Without that sound, that sense, I would not be whole. Together, my brother and I will forever have the ocean swirling through our veins.

Kevin was born with severe mental handicaps and without the ability to hear. Yet his sharp, strong senses take me by surprise, as if they are compensating for the one that he is missing. He is a true thinker, a feeler. He sees with such vividness, touches with such grace, tastes with such appreciation, smells with such richness. These characteristics are unknown to him, but astounding to me. He hears each sound in the world in everything else that he does. As a fighter and a survivor, he is a true master of his four working senses.

People assume that he has no individuality merely because he has physical disabilities. It is assumed that since he cannot hear he cannot express his emotions or have any at all. Kevin must take on the world differently than most, so it is believed that he is at a disadvantage, and that his world is not worth that of others. Ironically, he is the exact opposite. Because of his deficit, his loss of hearing, every other part of his life is

magnified. When he sees the familiar people in his life, everything else stops. His family and mentors are all that he has, and he knows nothing else than to embrace them with genuine love at all times. He often sits quietly and watches as the world goes by, but then leaps out of his chair when one thing strikes him as fascinating. His personality can take over a room by its subtlety and charm, and this makes people look. This makes them want to hear more of what he has to say.

I observe him, often. It has been difficult not to, since I have never known life

them what most of us cannot: their depth, their light, their hope.

Kevin admirably embraces every part of the world in just this way. He takes the time to look deeply at the things that I simply pass by: the shoes of the person walking next to him, the texture of the seatbelt that holds him firmly in place, the smell of the grass in the morning. He dances to music with so much enthusiasm, feeling deeply within him the beat and the rhythm. He could dance all night if he had the chance, content with his smooth movements and graceful steps. So easy is it to forget that he cannot even hear the music.

My surroundings and visions fit neatly together like a puzzle – perfectly balanced, perfectly complete. I can look at the ocean and see its colorful depictions of time passing by. I can feel waves roll against my feet, leaving tears upon the sand until they fade away with the sun. I can hear, and I can speak. But until I see with my hands and taste with my eyes, all of these

senses will merely go to waste, and this gift that Kevin has given to me will simply be forgotten.

I want to create. I want to learn. I want to dream. My challenge will not be in doing these things but in seeing them, smelling them, tasting them, touching them. In hearing them.

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without him. To me he is nothing more than an older brother. I am increasingly able to see beyond his limitations, as I come to see them as my own. He embraces his silent world, his ability to see and feel, transcendent. I, on the other hand, constantly ignore all the sounds and images around me, their beauty lost within this fast-paced lifestyle that refuses to slow down. Trees in the backyard stand tall and luminous as Kevin gazes at them for interminable periods of time. Television shows transform from being banal dialogues to artistic creations full of dimension and color. Kevin will pull his chair just inches from the screen in order to see these creations take on new meaning. He does not have the luxury of taking such things for granted, so he instead sees in

Kelsey Shannah '03 delivered this speech in Moseley Chapel on October 23, 2002. Kelsey served as co-director of the Special Olympics Soccer Tournament at GDA in the fall.



The Schoolhouse Society

This year the Academy gave a name to a society which has been building over the years, the society of the committed who have established planned gifts — trusts, bequests — for Governor Dummer Academy.

The name, The Schoolhouse Society, is appropriate because the dream of Lt. Governor William Dummer was launched in a little red schoolhouse in 1763. The enduring future of that dream becomes more secure each time a friend of Governor Dummer Academy steps forward with a commitment.

We will celebrate the vision and generosity of members of the Schoolhouse Society at a luncheon in the gallery of the Performing Arts Center on May 10 with Headmaster Marty Doggett and the Trustees of the Academy.

Headmaster Emeritus Peter Bragdon is heading up the The Schoolhouse Society. He welcomes inquiries from those interested in joining him in making planned gifts to the Academy. Call Peter at 603-773-5985 or email pbragdon@attbi.com.



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